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## A THRILL-SEEKER'S FANTASY

**Adam and Megan Schmidt stand behind a locked gate at their new business, The Real Escape Canada, that offers players the chance to escape from a locked room under the pressure of an imminent nuclear meltdown. Story, page 6.** SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# ISIS centre seeks rebrand

**Not that ISIS.** Go-to hub for engineers, contractors looking for a new name

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An engineering company with a name now more commonly linked with a terrorist group is looking to make a switch.

Despite a well-established reputation in the engineering community, the ISIS Canada Resource Centre — Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures — is now looking for a new name to avoid any confusion with the terrorist group ISIS — the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. The militants are also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

"As a result of the recent attention to our company's name, we are currently in a process of changing it," said Dagmar Svecova, director of the ISIS Canada Resource Centre and an engineering professor at the University of Manitoba, where the centre is located.

"We have been known under this name across Canada for the last nearly 20 years, so it's going to be a challenge for sure," she added.

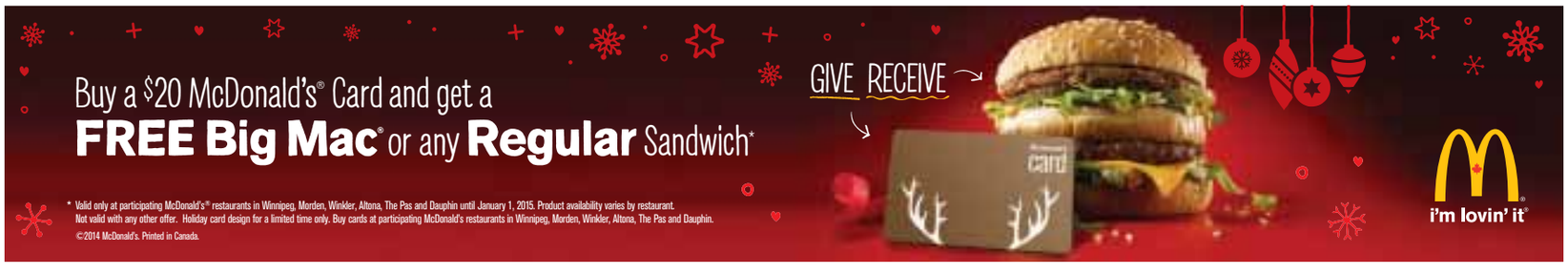
According the organization's website — ISISCanada.com — it has become the "go-to centre" for engineers and contractors to learn about using fiber-reinforced concrete or structural health monitoring technology in infrastructure projects.

Part of its research involves testing the strength of various construction materials and developing new technology to build "smart" bridges and buildings.

**Quoted**

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Dagmar Svecova, director of the ISIS Canada Resource centre



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# Electric avenue: New buses join Winnipeg Transit fleet

**Green ride.** Tech expected to cut 160 tonnes of greenhouse gases per bus, per year



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Winnipeg Transit is charging ahead with a plan to test-drive new electric buses that could eventually see the city's entire fleet switched over to the emerging technology.

The first of four battery-electric buses will begin regular service on a route to and from the airport Friday, part of a four-year test run for New Flyer Industries, who developed the zero-emission buses with help from partners including Manitoba Hydro and Red River College.

"The innovation that this project brings offers tremendous promise to us as a public transit provider and to the entire transit industry," said Winnipeg Transit director Dave Wardrop, who told reporters if the pilot goes well the technology may very well replace Transit's diesel fleet. "We view this as the real future, the real trend."

On a full charge the buses can run for about five hours, but the test route through Winnipeg will see them head out on a 40-kilometre, two-hour drive before stopping to recharge at a special charging station built at the airport.

The recharging process takes 10 minutes, and will be done while passengers get on and off at the stop.

Wardrop said the technology is expected to save $400,000 in fuel costs over the life of a single bus.

All four of the buses will run on the 20 Watt route, which Metro was assured wasn't chosen for the pun, but because its length, speeds and loads are typical of many central business district routes in North America.

"We didn't ask Winnipeg Transit for an easy route," explained New Flyer's president and CEO Paul Soubry. He said the buses will be tested not only by going directly through the city, but also by enduring Winnipeg's famously less-than-pleasant winters.

"We're putting this one through tough service."

All four of the buses are expected to be in service by early next year.




Minister of Jobs and Industry Kevin Chief was all smiles behind the wheel of a new battery-electric bus that will join Winnipeg Transit's fleet Friday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Committee puts fire halls on protected list

Three city-owned fire halls will be added to a heritage protection list — not the less-stringent commemorative list, a city committee decided on Thursday.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi and her colleagues on the downtown development committee unanimously supported placing the fire halls at 524 Osborne St., 845 Sargent Ave. and 1466 William Ave. on the historical resources list.

This was the recommendation put forward by the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee, but not the city's administration, which wrote in a report that "because several, far-better examples of historical fire halls are already on the list of historical resources, the public service recommends that these building be placed on the commemorative list instead, for heritage recognition only."

However, this wasn't good enough for Gerbasi, who questioned why the public service wouldn't support the original recommendation.

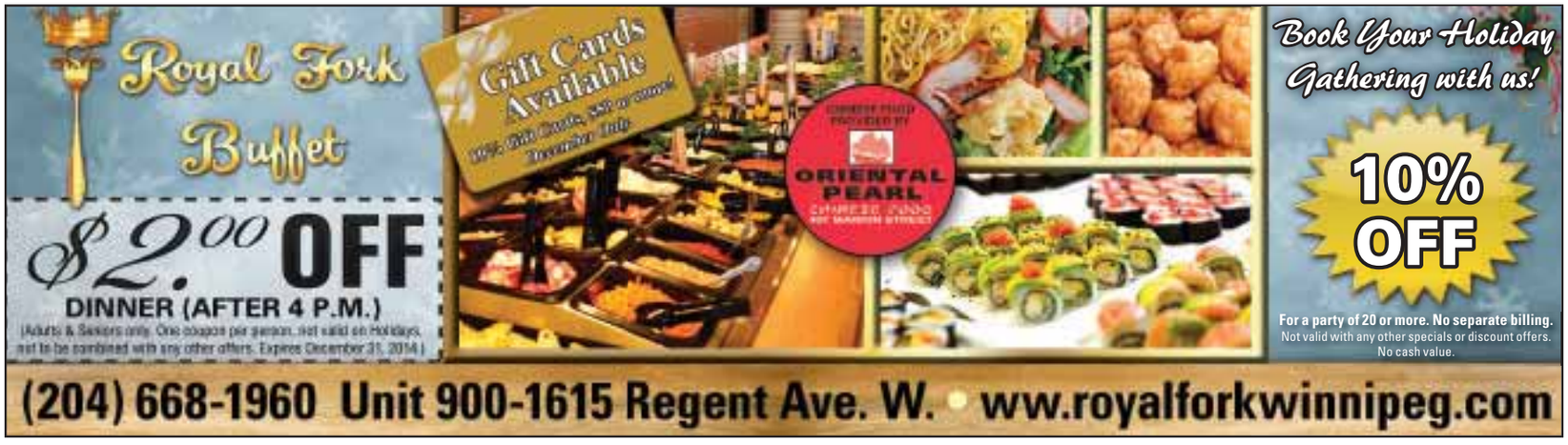
"The designated (historical resources) list actually protects the building from demolition; the commemorative just says, 'Yeah, this is nice,'" Gerbasi told the committee.

"Why does the city not want to designate its own buildings? Yeah, it's not under threat, but politically things could change."

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**St. James station**

**A fourth fire hall, the St. James station No. 1 at 200 Berry St., was added only to the commemorative list, as the city declared it surplus in 2013 and it is now privately owned.**



## Theresa Oswald. Mulling an NDP leadership run

The leadership race facing Premier Greg Selinger started to take shape Thursday when one of his critics said she is considering running for his job.

Theresa Oswald, one of five cabinet ministers who resigned from the inner circle earlier this month after questioning Selinger's leadership, said she is mulling a bid to lead the NDP.

"I will be frank that this is something that a number of people have approached me about, and upon which I am reflecting, but I am certainly nowhere in the yes or no territory yet," Oswald said.

"There's lots of thinking to do. This has been ... a pretty tumultuous few weeks. That's not only true in terms of my personal career, but the careers of some of my ... colleagues."

The comments come at a time when Selinger is trying to show that New Democrats are focused on governing.

The NDP infighting erupted last month when Oswald along with other senior cabinet ministers said they had lost their faith in Selinger's leadership. They accused the premier of not listening to his cabinet anymore and of failing to address public concern over last year's provincial sales tax increase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

South Winnipeg

### Local community centres merge

Two community centres located near the south Pembina strip have joined forces.

On Monday, the boards of the Waverley Heights Community Centre and Richmond Kings Community Centre officially disbanded to form the new South Winnipeg Community Centre (SWCC).

"The goal of the amalgamation is to maximize our current resources," said SWCC President Chuck Davidson. METRO

# Riverbank funds flow to budget deficit instead

**Seeking answers.** Councillors question who is responsible



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Coun. Brian Mayes learned during Thursday's downtown development meeting that a riverbank project for Guay Park in his ward has been pushed back to 2017 from 2015. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Councillors were taken aback and left fuming after learning a million-dollar fund set aside for riverbank protection has been reallocated toward the city's projected $14.9-million deficit.

The news of that reallocation came during Thursday's downtown development, heritage and riverbank management meeting, when a city official told committee members that several projects, including one for Guay Park in the St. Vital ward, had been pushed back to 2017 from 2015.

Committee chair Coun. Brian Mayes, whose ward includes Guay Park, said after the meeting that he wants to know exactly what happened to that cash, since neither he nor council have voted to move any monies around.

"I want answers. I mean, this is very upsetting. This is something that I had a big announcement on in my ward about that particular project, Guay Park," Mayes said.

"Maybe the money should be going somewhere if there was a greater need, but where's the money? We don't know where the money's gone; none of us voted to reallocate the money. This was a major item in the budget."

During the meeting, city officials Barry Thorgrimson, planning director, and John Kiernan, manager of urban design, said the decision to reallocate wasn't theirs and urged councillors to clarify with the office of the chief financial officer.

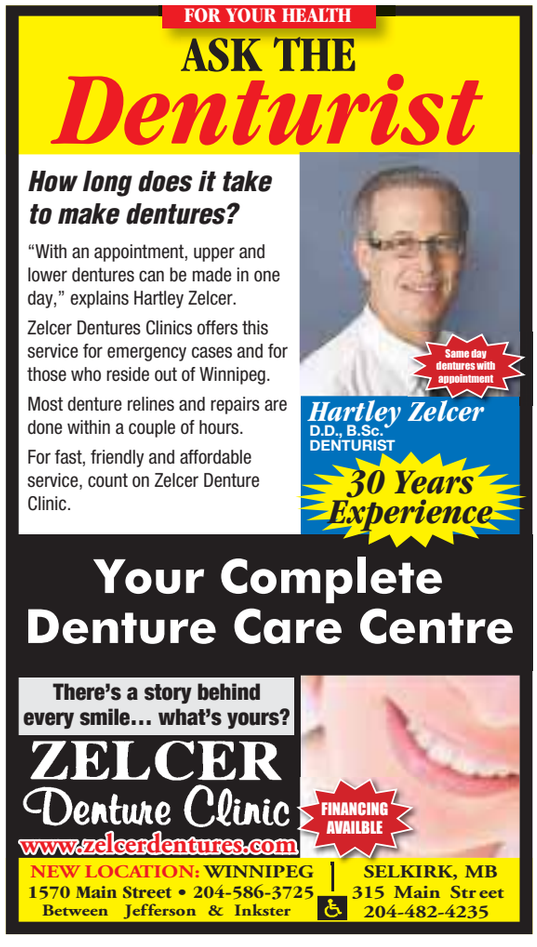
Kiernan said the reallocation happened during the annual "capital review process this fall and October."

Mayes said he was told as late as July and August that the Guay Park improvements to prevent more erosion nearing the war memorial were going ahead.

"Something's not adding up," he said.

Mayes had planned to bring the matter up at Friday's executive policy committee meeting, but late Thursday the mayor's office told Metro that Mayes will instead wait to hear the CFO's response at the January downtown development meeting.






# Assaults. Crown to seek adult sentence for youth

**Trial**

**The Crown's request means the youth will get a preliminary hearing and will be tried in Court of Queen's Bench instead of in youth court, defence lawyer Ted Mariash said.**

Crown prosecutors in Manitoba say they will seek an adult sentence if a youth charged with attacking a 16-year-old girl and leaving her to die by a river is convicted.

The 17-year-old accused, who cannot be named, appeared in youth court Wednesday. The wiry teen with wispy facial hair sat expressionless as his case was discussed. There were no family members present.

The Crown attorney's office said it has given notice it will request the youth be sentenced as an adult if he is found guilty. It declined to comment further.

The youth and 20-year-old Justin James Hudson are facing numerous charges, including attempted murder and aggravated sexual assault, in two separate assaults on 16-year-old Rinelle Harper and a 23-year-old woman in Winnipeg.

Police have said Rinelle was out with friends celebrating the completion of her midterms the night of Nov. 7 when she became separated from them. Police say she struck up a conversation with two males and the trio walked to the Assiniboine River.

There, police say, Rinelle was attacked and ended up in the frigid water. She managed to crawl out upstream but was attacked again and "left for dead." Police allege the same pair beat and sexually assaulted another woman a short time later before leaving her unconscious.

Rinelle was found, struggling to breathe, by two construction workers early the next morning. She was rushed to hospital in critical condition but has since been released. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Humane Society director defends zoo after seal death

**'We're humans. Sometimes we fail.'**
New facilities mean period of adjustment, says Bill McDonald

The executive director of the Winnipeg Humane Society says it's unrealistic to expect a zoo or any other agency giving care to animals to be perfect.

Bill McDonald spoke out Wednesday in support of the Assiniboine Park Zoo, where a seal drowned earlier this week after its head became stuck in an underwater drain.

The animal was unable to get free, and staff found him dead in his pool Monday morning.

The seal was the second zoo fatality this year that wasn't the result of natural causes.

A tiger died during a fight with another tiger after a gate was left open that was supposed to separate the two.

McDonald said no agency can plan for the unexpected, particularly if it's a new facility.

"Sometimes you can't think of everything, and then in the installation, zoo officials can't guarantee that the work is going to be done 100 per cent according to the architect's plan," he said. "We're humans. Sometimes we fail."

McDonald said the Humane Society also had to make adjustments after moving into its new building in 2007.

Brian Joseph, director of zoological operations at Assiniboine Park, said the vertical suction drain, about 15 centimetres in diameter, was located on a pool wall with a grate over top. He said the valve has been permanently shut off.

"We don't know exactly what happened. We do know that seals are very investigative. They're always poking around, and we suspect he poked around and got stuck," Joseph said Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Caelum, one of the seals pictured here, died after being caught in a drain.
SHANE GIBSON/METRO



# Lining up to be locked in a room

**Great escape.** Game growing in popularity across Canada has now landed in Winnipeg

A local couple is offering Winnipeggers a whole new way to escape.

But instead of a trip to a hot and sunny climate, a ticket to The Real Escape Canada will get you locked in a room for an hour, scrambling to find a way out.

"It's actually a really popular thing around the world," laughed co-owner Adam Schmidt of the game that sees players locked in a room and forced to solve puzzles to get out. "You've got to look around the room to find things to decode."

The 800-square-foot room is fenced in half with a large locked gate, and teams have to figure out how to get through the gate and into filing cabinets, lockers and safes to eventually find a key that gets them out of the room.

But the teams, made up of between four and eight players, have only an hour to get out before a nuclear meltdown "destroys" the room.

There's also a mock nuclear reactor in the room that lights up, spews out fog and has a screen with a countdown clock to add to the urgency.

"It's almost impossible to do it under 50 minutes," said Schmidt, who opened the business with his wife Megan after the pair tried similar games in other parts of Canada.

About 250 people have already tried to escape the locked room since it opened at 2003 Portage Ave. on Nov. 20, and Schmidt said just over 30 per cent figured it out.

For more information or to book an hour in the room, go to therealescape.ca.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO



The Real Escape Canada co-owners Adam and Megan Schmidt sit in front of the mock nuclear reactor. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



## Siloam takes a step forward on foot care

Dr. Tejel Patel helps a client at the new podiatry room that opened at Siloam Mission on Thursday. Mission staff say foot health is a big concern for the homeless during winter. More than 230 people came to Siloam's health centre with foot problems last year. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

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# Genetic testing: Knowledge doesn't always mean power

When reporter Jessica Smith Cross learned a Silicon Valley genetics-testing service, 23andme, is now offering Canadians a $199 mail-in test, she was curious: How much could she learn from her DNA and how much should she learn? Today, she decides whether she wants to know if she has the gene linked to Alzheimer's.



JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

**It's all in your genes**

- This is the last in a three-part series in which reporter Jessica Smith Cross — who took 23andme's new mail-in genetic spit test — delves into the implications of increasingly easy testing in the complicated legal and ethical Canadian landscape.
- Read the whole package at metronews.ca





Metro's Jessica Smith Cross checks the 23andme website. Smith Cross was eager to learn about her predisposition to wet ear wax and about how fast she metabolizes coffee (slowly), but it was a tough decision for her to learn whether she had the genetic variant linked to Alzheimer's. METRO

Standing in my kitchen, cooking tacos, my hands shaky, something in me snapped.

That afternoon I'd opened my results from 23andme, a Silicon Valley company that recently has begun offering a new mail-in DNA-testing kit for medical information in Canada.

The analysis of my genes said a lot about me: that I'm predisposed to have wet rather than dry earwax, have muscles built for sprinting rather than marathons and metabolize coffee slowly. I have none of the genes for major recessive disorders such as cystic fibrosis that could pose a risk to a future child. I do have the faulty genes that cause hemochromatosis, a condition where the body absorbs too much iron, and though I should talk to a doctor, I'll be OK.

But the one result I did not check — and that 23andme.com keeps behind a separate digital wall, forcing you to think twice — is whether or not I have the variant of the APOE gene that determines my risk for Alzheimer's disease.

I have a family history of dementia. For weeks, waiting for the results to be processed, I had been obsessing over whether or not to look at the results. Going to sleep at night, waking up in the morning, tuning out conversations with others, my mind kept returning to the question: do I want to know?

Rarely a Smith family dinner goes by without someone making a dark joke about the day they'll lose their mind. Would learning I have a low or normal risk ease my fears? Would a high risk change my life?

Is there any statistic — any percentage chance — of ending up alone in my own mind, disconnected by dementia from everyone I love, that I could accept? And what will my results, good or bad, say about my parents? The answer was something I couldn't unlearn.

In the weeks leading up to that afternoon, I decided: No. Not at 30. Not for a disease that had no prevention or cure. I did not want to know.

But now, standing in the kitchen while my husband sat at the computer making jokes about my earwax results, I was struck: only knowing would quiet the questions.

### In the spotlight

Genetic testing was thrown into the spotlight last year when actress Angelina Jolie announced to the world via The New York Times that she has a "faulty" BRCA1 gene, which gives her an 87 per cent chance of developing breast cancer and a 50 per cent chance of ovarian cancer. So she had a preventative double mastectomy.

"I choose not to keep my story private because there are many women who do not know that they might be living under the shadow of cancer," she wrote in The Times. "It is my hope that they, too, will be able to get gene tested, and that if they have a high risk they, too, will know that they have strong options."

Dr. Steven Narod, director of the familial breast-cancer research unit and Women's College Research Institute, is a co-discoverer of the BRCA gene.

Narod advocates that all women with Jewish ancestry, which puts them at risk for the most common BRCA mutations, should get tested and learn of their options regarding preventive action.

But he is critical of 23andme for offering this test result for Alzheimer's.

"Do you want to test for dementia? Well, do you?" Narod asked me in a phone interview, unaware that I had been obsessing over this very question. "Why do I want to know I'm going to be demented in 10 years?"

"The 23andme philosophy — and it's a philosophy, not a science — is that people should be entitled to know the results of these tests even if there was no good to come from it, even if there's no utility," he said.

"Even if there was no preventive action to take. I don't believe that."

Narod said he believes widespread direct-to-consumer BRCA testing is a good idea but he won't advocate testing other genes. Genetic testing should be limited to situations where the patient is actually at risk of the condition they're being testing for and, if they have the genetic predisposition, there is something that can be done about it.

### The moment of truth

23andme locks the BRCA and APOE test results, which means that before customers are given their results they are presented with extra information about those genes and must confirm another level of consent to receive the information. They have the option of leaving it locked.

But I knew that I couldn't. The questions were too much.

With my husband standing beside me — ready to pick up the pieces — I clicked on my results.

And I burst out laughing. One of those long, dark, "you have got to be f–ing kidding me" laughs.

My results were a "no call."

That means the first test 23andme did on my APOE gene got only a partial result. According to 23andme, the two genetic markers the company uses to determine Alzheimer's risk are harder to distinguish than most.

The partial results aren't good. Sparing the details, it means that neither copy of my APOE gene has the relatively rare good variant that is protective against Alzheimer's. I have either the average or the bad — or one of each — and I still don't know which.

I emailed 23andme and asked what could be done, and a nice customer-service person emailed back and offered to run the test again, if I wanted. And emailed again, asking what I wanted. And again. And again, to say they were closing this customer-service file because they haven't heard back from me.

They won't, I think. Because I really don't want to know.

**APOE gene**

**23andme tests customers for variants of the APOE gene linked to Alzheimer's disease. People have two copies of the APOE gene, and each is either E2, E3 or E4.**

- The E4 variant raises the risk of Alzheimer's. Having one copy of the E4 is relatively common and slightly raises the risk, while having two copies is much less common and significantly raises the risk.
- For example, two per cent of Caucasians have two E4 variants, giving them a 51 to 68 per cent of getting Alzheimer's, compared to the average risk of 10 to 17 per cent, according to studies cited by 23andme.

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**Fighting against Ebola**

## Canadian Forces medical heading to Sierra Leone

Canadian military medical specialists are getting ready to deploy to the epicentre of the fight against the deadly Ebola virus, and the federal government is encouraging private health care workers to join them.

As the government took part in Thursday's launch of the "Join the Fight Against Ebola" recruitment campaign at the Ottawa Hospital, medical workers just down the hall were practising the painstaking ritual of donning and removing the layers of protective gear they'll need to help people in Sierra Leone.

Teams of military medical specialists will be deployed to Sierra Leone for two months at a time over a six-month period beginning at the end of December.

The government says up to 40 Canadian Armed Forces health care and support staff will deploy to the West African country at any given time.

The military doctors, nurses, medics and others will work alongside military medics from the United Kingdom at the Kerry Town Treatment Unit.

Their task will be to treat local and international health care workers who have been exposed to the deadly Ebola virus — but not the local population.

"According to the information we have and in our discussions there was a need for this," said Defence Minister Rob Nicholson. "So we indicated we would supply that service."

Some are wondering what has taken so long.

"It's belated, there's no question about it. How many months now after the call for more human resources are we answering?" said Dr. Ross Upshur, a Toronto public health expert and a member of the ethics advisory board for the Public Health Agency of Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Peladeau enters PQ leadership race

**Media Magnate.** Pierre Karl Peladeau said that if elected, he would be willing to put his shares in Quebecor in a trust

Categorically stating that achieving Quebec independence is his only political goal, media magnate Pierre Karl Peladeau announced Thursday he will seek the leadership of the Parti Québécois.

Peladeau confirmed what people had long been expecting when a university student asked him after a speech whether he was going to take the plunge.

When another student asked him what could motivate a rich man like him to want to become PQ leader, he repeated the dramatic phrase that marked his entry into politics last spring: "To make Quebec a country."

The one difference this time was the absence of any fist-pump to accompany the declaration. The gesture and the words were widely considered to have a negative impact on the Parti Québécois just days into the election campaign.

The stunning move forced the PQ to address an issue it normally avoids come election time.

After days musing about a post-secession Quebec, the party spent much of the campaign backpedalling as it dropped in the polls.

Later on Thursday, Peladeau made his way to PQ headquarters, where he was again grilled by reporters. Asked what his main theme will be during the leadership campaign, he replied without hesitation: "Sovereignty."

While the new PQ leader will be chosen in May 2015, the next election is scheduled to be held in September 2018.

Peladeau said that, if elected leader, he will spend the next few years explaining what he considers the benefits of sovereignty to Quebecers.

When asked whether sovereignty could be negotiated with Ottawa, he replied: "I don't think the legitimacy of a nation, of a people, can be negotiated." Polls have suggested the controlling shareholder of Quebecor Inc. would be the front-runner in the race to succeed Pauline Marois as leader.

The man, known in Quebec simply as PKP, has been criticized in some quarters for refusing to sell his shares in Quebecor, whose extensive media holdings include the TVA television network, Le Journal de Montreal and the Videotron cable company.

Peladeau repeated on Thursday he would be willing to put his shares in a trust if he becomes PQ leader. He will have to collect at least 2,000 signatures by next Jan. 30 as well as fork over a deposit of $20,000 to the party. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Pierre Karl Peladeau holds up his nomination papers to run for the leadership of the Parti Québécois in Montreal on Thursday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Quoted**

**"I think it's clear that I've committed to achieving Quebec sovereignty. It is my objective, my only objective."**

Pierre Karl Peladeau, who is running in the leadership race for Parti Québécois

# Contempt charges dropped against pipeline protesters

**Incorrect information.** Kinder Morgan used wrong GPS co-ordinates in seeking injunction on pipeline in B.C.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has dropped civil contempt charges against dozens of protesters who were arrested at an anti-pipeline protest near Vancouver.

The order came Thursday after Kinder Morgan acknowledged it had used incorrect GPS co-ordinates when it sought an injunction related to its Trans Mountain pipeline.

**Quoted**

**"Apparently people have been arrested on the basis of an order that refers to some other piece of property."** Judge Austin Cullen

More than 100 people have been arrested on Burnaby Mountain, including Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, who crossed a police line around a Kinder Morgan work site earlier Thursday.

Nearly all of the arrested protesters were charged with civil contempt for violating the injunction, but the judge handling the case suggested during Thursday's hearing that the errors in the initial court order put those charges in doubt.

"What's happened thus far is that apparently people have been arrested on the basis of an order that refers to some other piece of property," Judge Austin Cullen said, prompting laughs and jeers from the courtroom's crowded public gallery.

The order doesn't apply to a small handful of protesters who faced criminal charges for assault or obstruction of justice.

Cullen also revised the injunction to correct the GPS co-ordinates for the one work site that is still active, so protesters arrested under that revised injunction could still face civil contempt charges.

Kinder Morgan is conducting drilling at two sites on Burnaby Mountain as it prepares for a federal approval process. The company's preferred route for the expanded Trans Mountain pipeline would tunnel through the mountain.

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Mattieu Petrin, 28, of Innisfil is facing multiple charges.
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## Sexual-assault charges. Man accused of foot-fetish attacks and robbery

Police say they have arrested a suspect in connection with multiple sexual assaults involving feet and thefts of footwear in several communities north of Toronto.

York Regional Police say the first incident happened Nov. 19 in Richmond Hill, when a man went into a tanning salon and asked a female if he could see her shoe, as he was shopping for shoes.

When she complied, police say the man smelled her shoe, then fled with it.

Police say a man went into another Richmond Hill tanning salon the next day and began asking a female questions about her boots.

It's alleged the man grabbed the victim's leg, removed her boot and sock and licked her foot without her consent, then took both the boot and sock and fled the scene.

Similar incidents were reported at tanning salons in Aurora, Innisfil and Bradford.

Mattieu Petrin, 28, of Innisfil, is charged with four counts of sexual assault, three counts of theft under $5,000, sexual interference with a person under 16 and robbery.

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## New Brunswick gets a snow day as 40,000 without power

A pedestrian walks through the snow in Moncton, N.B., on Thursday after a major winter storm buried parts of the province under more than 30 centimetres of snow, knocking out power for more than 40,000 customers. Schools and government offices in parts of the province were closed due to the weather. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Exhausted by turmoil, Egypt awaits verdict in dictator's trial

**900 dead.** Changing political scene now downplays criticism of Mubarak regime

Amal Shaker's 25-year-old son Ahmed was fatally shot in the back on the "Friday of Rage," one of the bloodiest days of Egypt's 2011 uprising against longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Nearly four years later, she is still waiting for justice.

"We want blood for blood," she said.

Her wait is supposed to end Saturday when a verdict is expected in the 86-year-old Mubarak's trial on charges connected to the killing of more than 900 protesters against his rule. But Egypt's "trial of the century," initially watched with excitement, has largely dropped from public attention. That's partly because of how drawn out the process has been — with a trial and retrial — and partly because subsequent upheaval has flipped the political narrative.

The revolutionary fervour of 2011 has been largely extinguished, replaced among many Egyptians by exhaustion from nearly four years of turmoil. Many of the pro-democracy activists central to the uprising are in prison for attempting to protest against the new president, former army chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

"The issue is over," Ahmed Hani, a Cairo accountant, said of the trial, which he, like many, is not following closely. "What's important is to improve the country, to bring it back to its prior state, more than to take an interest in a thing like this."

When the trial began in 2011, Egyptians were initially transfixed by TV images of the former strongman, who ruled for 30 years being rolled on a gurney into the defendant's cage. In June 2012, he was convicted of failing to stop the killing of protesters and was sentenced to life in prison. But the conviction was thrown out by a higher court, and a retrial began in May 2013.

Mubarak's elected successor, Islamist Mohammed Morsi, was ousted by el-Sissi and the military after massive protests that began on June 30, 2013, against the domination of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood. A sweeping crackdown against Islamists ensued and has widened to suppress any dissenting voices.

Now the state routinely blames all violence on Islamists and foreign conspirators. TV stations and newspapers have largely dropped criticism of Mubarak's old regime and focus all their venom on Islamists. They also at times promote a revised history, painting the 2011 uprising as part of a conspiracy to destabilize Egypt that the 2013 "revolution" corrected.

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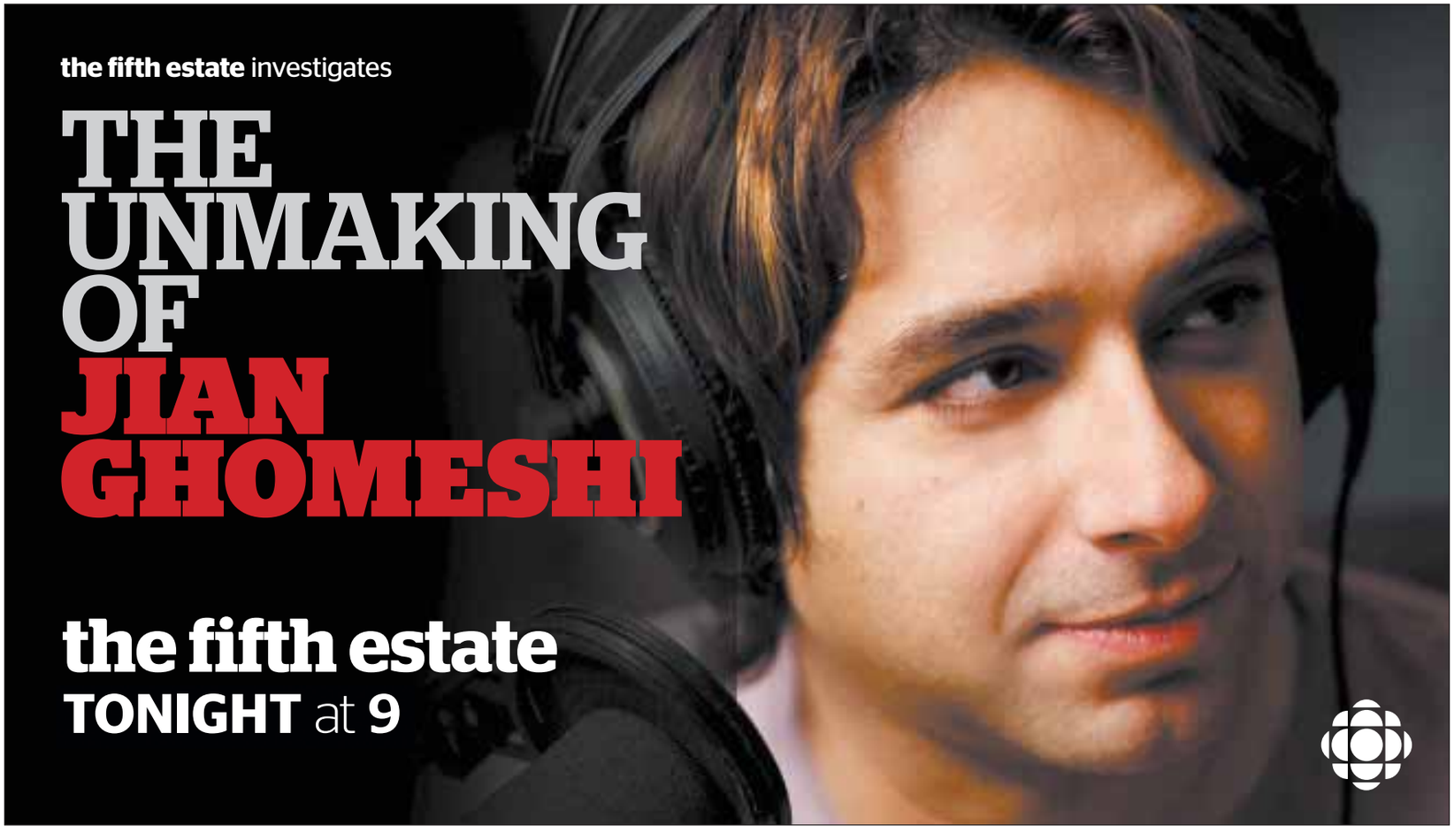


A verdict is expected on Saturday in Hosni Mubarak's trial on charges connected to the killings of more than 900 protesters against his rule.

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**Timeline**

- **1981.** Vice-president Mubarak succeeds assassinated Anwar Sadat as president of Egypt
- **1987, 1993, 1999, 2005.** President Mubarak re-elected. 2005 election widely criticized as fraudulent
- **2011.** Popular protests of "Arab Spring." Protesters killed. Mubarak resigns
- **2012.** Mohammed Morsi, first democratically elected president in Egyptian history, assumes office
- **2012.** Military coup overthrows Morsi, applauded by anti-Muslim Brotherhood protests



## Ferguson. Protesters pause for Thanksgiving

Protesters in Ferguson pressed pause Thursday as the city welcomed Thanksgiving, decorating boarded-up storefronts with some Dr. Seuss inspiration and gathering for church services — a stark contrast to previous days of outrage over a grand jury decision in the Michael Brown case.

No police officers or Missouri National Guard members stood sentry outside the Ferguson police station, which has been a nexus for protesters since Monday night's announcement that Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson, who is white, wouldn't be indicted for fatally shooting the unarmed black 18-year-old in August.

On that downtown street, beneath a lighted "Season's Greetings" garland, three children used paintbrushes to decorate the plywood covering many storefront windows, put up to foil potential vandals. One quoted The Lorax by Dr. Seuss: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not."

"We thought we'd do what we could to make it a little more attractive and then try to bring the kids into it and get them involved in making the businesses appear a little less scary, depressing," said Leah Bailey, as her seven-year-old son Dennis climbed a ladder to finish an orange dragon.

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**130 arrested in L.A.**

**Since the grand jury's decision, protests have taken place across the country. Most have been peaceful, but at least 130 demonstrators who refused to disperse during a Los Angeles protest were arrested Wednesday night, while 35 people were detained in Oakland following a march that deteriorated into unrest and vandalism, according to police officials.**

## India. Girls committed suicide, weren't raped: CBI

India's top investigative agency said Thursday that two teenage girls believed to have been raped and hanged by attackers in a north Indian village actually committed suicide because of shame over a relationship with a boyfriend.

An earlier probe by local police and post-mortem reports were incorrect, and five innocent men were arrested, said Kanchan Prasad, spokeswoman for the Central Bureau of Investigation, India's FBI.

Six months ago, images of the girls' bodies hanging from a tree in their village of Katra in Uttar Pradesh state shocked the country, long inured to violence against women.

Local police said the girls were gang-raped and murdered. The five men were arrested and later released on bail.

The federal agency took over the probe following public outrage over the deaths of the two cousins, who were about 14 years of age.

Prasad said medical reports ruled out any sexual assault, and the parents of the girls had filed a false police report of rape and murder.

"There were no marks of violence or injuries on the bodies of the two girls, except for the ligature marks on their necks," she said.

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**Quoted**

**"The CBI has come to the conclusion that the allegations of sexual assault and murder were false. It was a case of suicide."**

Kanchan Prasad, spokeswoman for India's Central Bureau of Investigation




### Young Syrian refugee gives thanks to Greece

**A young boy holds a sign just after disembarking from a crippled freighter, carrying hundreds of refugees trying to migrate to Europe, at the coastal Cretan port of Ierapetra, Greece, on Thursday. The ship, whose 750 passengers are mostly Syrians, including children, women and elderly men, suffered engine failure on Tuesday, 70 nautical miles off Ierapetra. The migrants will be given temporary shelter at an Ierapetra indoor basketball stadium.**

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# Kabul's upscale district attacked

**Taliban responsible.** Comes hours after suicide car-bomber struck a British embassy vehicle

Taliban fighters staged an attack Thursday evening in an upscale district in the Afghan capital, Kabul. Witnesses described multiple explosions and bursts of gunfire in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, which contains numerous foreign embassies and compounds housing international agencies and companies — as well as the homes of some senior Afghan government officials.

The attack came hours after a suicide car-bomber struck a British embassy vehicle, killing five people including a British citizen.

Kabul Police Chief Gen. Mohammad Zahir said there were three explosions followed by extended gunfire.

A Taliban spokesman said the intended target was a guest house in the district occupied by foreigners.

The spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, refused to give further details, adding only that the target of the attack was "enemies."

Afghan police flooded into the area and locked down the surrounding streets. Footage from area security cameras showed heavily armed security forces and armoured vehicles deploying in large numbers.

The attack took place near the compound of the development agency International Relief and Development.

The agency's head of security, Tony Haslem, told The Associated Press the attack lasted about 45 minutes and he heard rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons being fired.

Deputy Interior Minister Mohammad Ayoub Salangi confirmed that the target of the attack was a guest house in the diplomatic area. He said no foreigners had been killed.

"One Nepalese guard was wounded, but all the foreigners are fine," Salangi said. Three attackers had been killed, two by Nepalese guards at the guest house, he said.

"One of the attackers blew himself up," he added.

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**Diplomatic targets rare**

**Thursday's suicide-bomb attack is the first on a diplomatic target in Kabul for some time, as most embassies are secured behind high concrete blast walls with razor wire and guards with automatic weapons.**

- The U.S. consulate in the eastern city of Herat was attacked last year, and the Indian consulate, also in Herat, was attacked in May this year.

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## Study: Canada too generous to R&D

Canada needs to rethink its approach to research and development subsidies, according to a new paper by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy.

The study, issued Thursday, argues that tax breaks for R&D performed by small firms are high by international standards and that it's likely the cost to taxpayers outweighs the benefit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report

## Economy set to grow 2.6% in 2015

The Conference Board of Canada says provincial growth is headed in the right direction in 2015 after a difficult year for most in terms of job creation and business investment.

In its provincial outlook released Thursday, the board forecasts the Canadian economy will grow by 2.6 per cent in 2015, up from 2.2 per cent this year.

Newfoundland and Labrador will lead the country, with its real GDP growing 3.4 per cent, slightly ahead of Alberta (3.3 per cent) and Manitoba (3 per cent).

The report said Manitoba will benefit from metal mining and increased construction, while the energy sector will continue to help drive Alberta's economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 1 in 3 Canadians shopping online for holidays: Survey




Shoppers rush into a Best Buy store in Kansas for holiday shopping deals last year. In Canada, a growing number of shoppers are avoiding the crazy crowds altogether by doing their holiday shopping online, says a survey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

**Far from the madding crowds.** More of us than ever plan to do all of our gift-buying on the web, says a new survey

A growing number of Canadians plan to do all of their holiday shopping online this year to avoid stepping foot in maddening malls, suggests a new survey commissioned by Google.

About one in three Canadians polled online by Ipsos Reid said they would rely on e-commerce to purchase all their gifts, which was up 50 per cent compared to the results of a similar survey conducted last year.

Still, a majority of the Canadians said that while they would be doing some gift-buying research online, they would ultimately brave the crowds.

"Consumers, rather than wandering up and down on the high street or through malls, are much more purposeful now when they're making those purchase decisions. They're doing their research online prior to going into the malls and they know what they want," said Rafe Petkovic of Google Canada.

Another recent poll conducted for MasterCard Canada yielded somewhat similar results, with almost one in three Canadians saying they planned to do half or more of their holiday shopping online. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online sales

**6.7%**

MasterCard estimates e-commerce now represents about 6.7 per cent of total retail sales in Canada.

## Hacking. CBC, NHL among the websites hit

A group of politically motivated hackers operating under the name the Syrian Electronic Army briefly defaced the websites of the CBC, the NHL and a number of other prominent news outlets on Thursday.

On Thursday morning, the group posted an image to its Twitter account suggesting that it had hacked the technology company Gigya, which sells social-media log-in technology that companies can integrate into their websites.

"Happy thanks giving, hope you didn't miss us! The press: Please don't pretend #ISIS are civilians," tweeted the group, which supports Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Some visitors to CBCnews.ca and other websites saw a pop-up message that said, "You've been hacked by the Syrian Electronic Army." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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All other markets closed for American Thanksgiving.

# Oliver talks oil-price drop

Despite widespread concern over possible fallout from the dramatic slide in oil prices, federal finance minister Joe Oliver gave assurances Thursday that Ottawa had already factored lower oil prices into its fiscal forecasts.

"When we took into account the oil price decline, which had already occurred, we made the assumption that the prices would stay at the low level for the entire period," Oliver told a media availability conference on Thursday.

Oliver said that's "a relatively conservative assumption, and we'll continue to monitor the level of prices."

The finance minister's comments were delivered shortly before the OPEC oil cartel announced it would maintain production at current levels despite the oil glut on world markets that has contributed to a more than 30 per cent drop in prices from $105 US a barrel last summer.

American markets were closed for U.S. Thanksgiving on Thursday, but in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange benchmark West Texas Intermediate, crude had tumbled $4.64 to a 4-1/2-year low of $69.05 a barrel.

While Oliver declined to discuss the direction of oil prices, he said that he believes "the major risks to Canada are external." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**THE KOHLER REPORT**
By Rebecca Kohler

Ghomeshi's living with his mom. Cosby Show reruns have been pulled (no complaints here). Pick-up artist Julien Blanc can't get into Harrod's.

What a time we're living in! Powerful men are being held to ... reasonable standards.

It's like a huge dam made of foreskin has been broken, making way for a flood of estrogen-infused water. Yuck, but cool.

I feel like women in the Western world should be throwing some kind of solemn party right now. Maybe with grey balloons and gluten-free vegan cupcakes?

Because the celebration is weird. It's dark (can you really celebrate bad things just because they've been acknowledged?). And anyway, it feels like we've been waiting for this "party" for so long, we're all too tired to enjoy it.

We'd be celebrating the fact that we're finally being heard — I mean, we've been heard before, but there seems to be less eye-rolling now.

Fifty years ago, if a woman had gone to a reporter and said, "That radio host slapped me around and tried to choke me," chances are he would have responded, "And?"

But while these victories are big, important pieces of the pie, let's not forget to keep an eye on the pie crumbs — the little pieces of sexist pastry that get stuck under our manicures on a day-to-day basis.

Like when male co-workers call me "Sweetheart" or "Dear" (I am not your girlfriend or your grandmother, thank God).

Or the fact that women still make 74 per cent of what men make (and have that money ripped from our hands twice as quickly at places such as the dry cleaner, where our shirts cost more to clean because they fall under the derogatory category of "blouses.")

When last month's Hollaback video (displaying a woman being berated with catcalls on the streets of New York City) was released, the backlash was frightening.

**Changing times**

**Fifty years ago, if a woman had gone to a reporter and said, "That radio host slapped me around and tried to choke me," chances are he would have responded, "And?"**

Angry men (and some women) took to Twitter, asking things like, "Can't you take a compliment?"

Sure I can — from a friend, or my brother or even the guy who runs my corner store.

But when I'm walking alone at 10 p.m. and a total stranger yells, "Gimme some of that!" I feel less complimented, more afraid for my life.

Why is your right to yell more important than our right to feel safe and un-demeaned?

This is about feminism, which has somehow become a bad word.

If you look up *feminist* in the dictionary, all it says is: someone who believes in the political, economic and social equality of the sexes. It doesn't say man-hater; it doesn't say hairy woman (though there is a picture of Ani DiFranco).

We wouldn't be here at the weird, melancholy party (the streamers are beige) if it weren't for feminists.

It's the feminists (whether they even know they're feminists or not) that push these important issues forward like a car that's run out of gas on the road.

Without the feminists, Jian Ghomeshi wouldn't be sharing a TV tray with his mom right now.

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# Happy face/Sad face

From misogynists getting banned to rogue celebrity tigers, Metro weighs in on the personalities that made headlines this week:



**BLACKBERRY**

This week BlackBerry offered to pay iPhone users up to $550 to switch to a Passport. Awesome deal or pathetic attempt at making friends? You decide. Also: flip phones are in again!



**SINGAPORE**

Singapore got a thumbs-up from feminists worldwide this week when it joined a growing list of countries to ban self-proclaimed pick-up artist Julien Blanc. The American dating coach has been accused of encouraging the use of sexual violence and emotional abuse to pick up women. Dude ... no.



**DOPING**

Don't dope and cycle. It didn't work for Lance Armstrong and it evidently hasn't worked for William Goodfellow. The Canadian cyclist has just been barred from competition for two years after testing positive for two banned substances. Maybe he didn't watch the Oprah special.



**CHINA**

You may be as surprised to read this as we are to write it: China gives free medication to people living with HIV/AIDS. Yes, *that* China. Now if we could only get those medications to the roughly 25 million and counting people infected with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.



**PUTIN'S TIGER**

Ustin, a rare Siberian tiger released into the wild by Vladimir Putin, is behaving badly at his new home in China. The tiger has killed 15 goats and left another three missing. "When I opened the goat house in the morning, dead goats were everywhere," said farm owner Guo Yulin. Oh, Ustin...

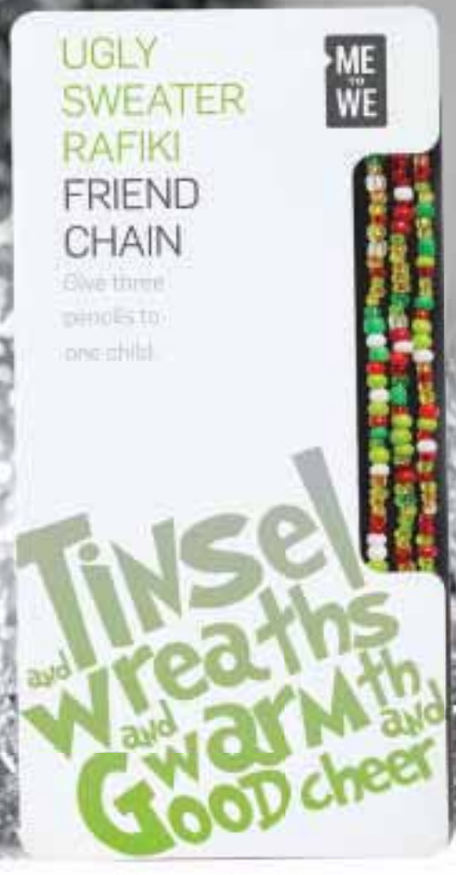
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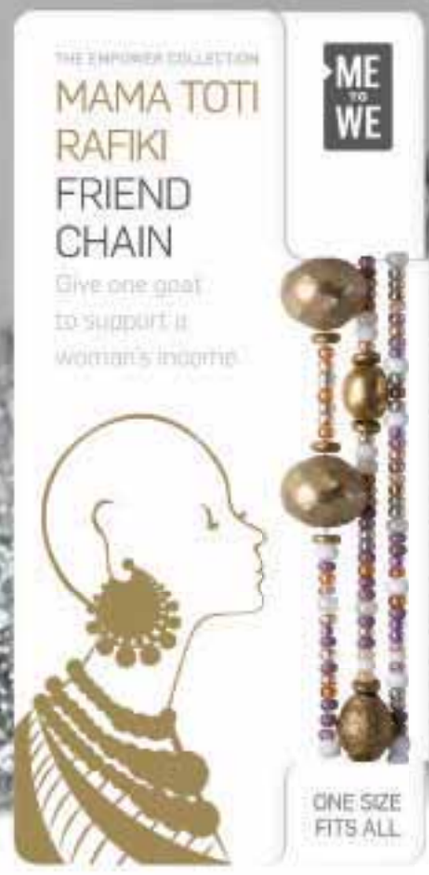
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ME TO WE

# Terrible trio not the worst ever

**Horrible Bosses 2.** From Working Girl and Swimming with Sharks to The Devil Wears Prada, Hollywood has feasted on truly nasty power-mad bosses



Horrible Bosses 2 would have to go a long way to top the worst movie bosses ever. CONTRIBUTED

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE



At one time or another everyone has fantasized about, if not killing, then at least doing grievous bodily harm to an employer. The guys in Horrible Bosses, the 2011 comedy starring Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis, actually tried to make their fantasies reality.

The idea of squaring off against the boss man struck a chord with a lot of people and the movie raked in more than $100 million. So the inevitable sequel, Horrible Bosses 2, hit theatres earlier this week.

They'll have to go some ways to top the last trio of bad bosses: Jennifer Aniston as a foul-mouthed sexual predator with a bad habit of using laughing gas as foreplay; a manic boss with no scruples in the form of Kevin Spacey; and a drug-addled loser with a penchant for cocaine and masseuses who inherits a business from his papa, played by Colin Farrell, who berates his employees for coming in late after attending his dad's and their old boss's funeral.

"Well, maybe that excuse would have flown when my dad was here, but I'm in charge now."

But even that terrible trio pales in comparison to the worst movie bosses of all time.

One of the worst is Working Girl's Katharine Parker (Sigourney Weaver).


Kevin Spacey as Buddy Ackerman in Swimming with the Sharks. CONTRIBUTED

Parker is two-faced, and attempts to pass off her trusted secretary Tess McGill's (Melanie Griffith) ideas as her own.

Roger Ebert said of Weaver's performance, "From her first frame on the screen, she has to say all the right things while subtly suggesting that she may not mean any of them."

In the end, Tess teaches her a lesson about honesty and gets Katharine fired.

Katharine looks like a pussycat compared to Buddy Ackerman (Kevin Spacey), the tyrannical Hollywood producer in Swimming with Sharks.

"You are nothing!" he says to his new assistant Guy (Frank Whaley). "If you were in my toilet I wouldn't bother flushing it. My bathmat means more to me than you!"

Guy finally snaps, kidnaps Buddy and tortures him. But in an unexpected twist, the extreme behaviour earns Buddy's respect and Guy gets a promotion.

Finally, if you mix the swooping white hair and bad attitude of Cruella DeVille with the people skills of Vlad the Impaler, you will come up with Miranda Priestly, the worst boss in all of moviedom.

Played by Meryl Streep in The Devil Wears Prada, Priestly is the editrix of a fictional fashion magazine called Runway who never met an assistant she couldn't humiliate with a withering glance and a few choice words.

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# Pomp or puffery for chilly nights

December is an awkward time at the movies. The Oscar race is winding down, with studios cranking out the last of their prestige pictures. At the same time, a ton of people have time off, and want to spend it watching silly cinema. There will be blockbusters that get acclaim and acclaimed movies that become blockbusters. But then there's the third Night at the Museum entry, plus a movie where Seth Rogen and James Franco try to kill Kim Jong-un. Here's how the divide goes this year.

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York City

## POPCORN

### Exodus: Gods and Kings

**What:** The Ten Commandments story — most famously told in the 1956 Easter staple The Ten Commandments — gets told again, this time by a non-believer (Ridley Scott), with Christian Bale attempting to wipe away memories of Charlton Heston. Good luck!

**How populist:** Midwestern audiences ate up tiny religious films like God's Not Dead. In fact, that film made only $40 million less in America than the super-pricey Noah. Then again, while this is a full-on biblical epic, it's actually 100 minutes shorter than the Heston version.

### Top Five

**What:** Chris Rock's third go at directing is an improv-heavy dramedy about a Chris Rock-like movie star (played by Chris Rock) hitting it off with a reporter (Rosario Dawson) the day of his new drama's release.

**How populist:** Rock made this independently, and it has a rough, handmade quality that could serve as an antidote to studio comedies, including ones Rock himself has made.

### Annie

**What:** It's been 32 years since the John Huston movie of the sometimes blood-curdling stage musical, so here's one with Quvenzhane Wallis, plus Jamie Foxx as a toupéed Daddy Warbucks — or, wait, he's called Will Stacks? Where's the fun in that?

**How populist:** Little girls rarely get movies tailored to their desires, so maybe don't screw this one up?

### The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies

**What:** Only five armies? The final chapter in an epic take on a 300-page novel intended for children finally comes to a close, and surely it will test how much Benedict Cumberbatch-voiced dragon fighting you can stand before going insane.

**How populist:** These things are bizarrely popular, especially considering how padded out and asswoundingly long they are. But hey, what's good for Martin Freeman is good for the world (maybe).

### Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

**What:** Sad, but true; these are the most successful films Ben Stiller has ever been involved with. This one comes with a deep melancholic streak: Among its cast members are late performers Robin Williams and Mickey Rooney.

**How populist:** These are popular, but why?



Christian Bale plays Moses in Exodus: Gods and Kings, inviting comparisons to Charlton Heston in the 1956 classic, The Ten Commandments. CONTRIBUTED

**Editor's choice**



In The Interview, James Franco and Seth Rogen play reporters asked by the CIA to kill North Korea leader Kim Jong-un. CONTRIBUTED

### The Interview

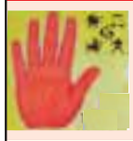
**What:** The movie that could get America destroyed by impoverished and ill-equipped North Korea stars Seth Rogen and James Franco as reporters asked by the CIA to kill Kim Jong-un.

**How populist:** Franco is secretly a prolific director of arty films; Rogen's own movies (like This is the End) are broad comedies. That said, the last time Rogen attempted to storm the holiday movie box office, it was the middling The Guilt Trip.



Quvenzhane Wallis plays the title role in Annie, with Jamie Foxx as a toupéed Daddy Warbucks. CONTRIBUTED

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## Prestige

### Wild

**What:** Reese Witherspoon portrays Cheryl Strayed, who hiked about 1,800 kilometres of the Pacific Crest Trail alone. Don't worry: There are a lot of flashbacks, plus a script by Nick Hornby.

**How prestigious:** Witherspoon goes back to her indie roots, when she was one of the most exciting budding stars. Her Strayed is not only haunted — with a deeply traumatic history involving death, divorce and drugs — but also hilariously cranky.

### The Gambler

**What:** A remake of one of the 1970s' grimmest films, this potty-mouthed drama (written by The Departed's William Monahan) stars Mark Wahlberg as a self-destructive rich kid who owes a ton of money to three different, scary people.

**How prestigious:** Despite a new ending, this keeps the miserable '70s vibe, and Marky Mark — who can be dour in dramas — is as electric here as he is in comedies like I Heart Huckabees.

### Mr. Turner

**What:** Mike Leigh, everyone's favourite super-collaborative English filmmaker, is back with another immaculately researched historical piece, this one about 19th-century sea painter J.M.W. Turner (Timothy Spall).

**How prestigious:** Leigh crafts his movies with the actors, and Spall is one of his frequent and best thespians. If Spall doesn't get an Oscar nomination, he should get a special trophy for his amazing and frequent mouth noises.

### Leviathan

**What:** Happy holidays! Here's a Russian drama loosely based on the book of Job, about a drunken everyman whose life is gradually undone by an evil bureaucrat, an old friend and his neglected wife. It's also not to be confused with the 2012 documentary of the same name (or the 1989 underwater Alien ripoff starring Peter Weller).

**How prestigious:** This is Russia's submission for the Best Foreign Language Film, from the very acclaimed Andrey Zvyagintsev (Elena).



Reese Witherspoon hits about 1,800 kilometres of the Pacific Crest Trail for Wild, based on a true story. CONTRIBUTED

### Selma

**What:** Of course Hollywood has never made a Martin Luther King Jr. movie. On the other hand, the first one was made by a black female filmmaker, the talented Ava DuVernay (Middle of Nowhere), with David Oyelowo as MLK.

**How prestigious:** This might be the most prestigious film of the year — and, amazingly, it might also be genuinely great. The focus is only on the Alabama voting rights marches in 1965, rather than his whole life, and those biopics tend to be the most rewarding.

### American Sniper

**What:** So what did you do this year? Because, compared to Clint Eastwood, you did nothing. At 84, the actor-filmmaker has directed two features in 2014 alone, this one with Bradley Cooper as America's most "successful" sniper.

**How prestigious:** Eastwood badly needs a hit, his last run of pictures having been neither critically nor commercially loved. That's not to say they weren't good.

### Two Days, One Night

**What:** Marion Cotillard teams with deservedly esteemed Belgian social realists Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne, playing a woman fighting to keep her job.

**How prestigious:** Few filmmakers are as reliably same-y as the Dardennes, and luckily their shtick is peerless. Despite her A-list status, Cotillard fits right into their world — but then, she's both a star and a real actor.

### A Most Violent Year

**What:** In 2011, every movie seemed to star Jessica Chastain. She's everywhere in 2014, too, with December bringing both Miss Julie and this drama about an immigrant (Oscar Isaac) trying to keep afloat in 1981 New York City.

**How prestigious:** The director is J.C. Chandor, who's on a roll with Margin Call and All is Lost. And hey, this Chastain person has the goods.

**Editor's choice**

### Unbroken

**What:** Three years ago, Angelina Jolie surprised holiday viewers with the super-bleak The Land of Milk and Honey, which she directed. She does it again, this time telling of Louie Zamperini, a WWII-era Olympian who spent 47 days on a raft and then another 2-1/2 years in a POW camp.

**How prestigious:** Jolie has the clout to do whatever she wants, but it's not yet clear what kind of filmmaker she is. This sounds like a classic "triumph of the human spirit" deal, but Milk and Honey was so dark and this may be, too.



Angelina Jolie's Unbroken tells the true story of Louie Zamperini, a WWII-era Olympian who spent 2-1/2 years in a POW camp. CONTRIBUTED

### Big Eyes

**What:** Tim Burton tries his hand at plain (which is to say not fantastical) drama, telling the true story of artist Margaret Keane (Amy Adams), whose husband (Christoph Waltz) falsely claimed her works were his.

**How prestigious:** The last time Burton did a biopic was Ed Wood, which nabbed Martin Landau an Oscar. This one shares the same writers, Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, who know a thing or two about subverting the genre.

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## **Channing Tatum.** Actor fell in love with doomed wrestler role over years



Channing Tatum had to keep up his intensity throughout shooting Foxcatcher. CONTRIBUTED

"I think I can comfortably say we were all very happy when the movie was over," says Channing Tatum of making the crime drama Foxcatcher.

Based on a true story, the movie begins with former Olympian Mark Schultz, played by Tatum, training to regain the glory of his past achievements. When he accepts multi-millionaire John du Pont's (Steve Carell) offer of sponsorship he begins a journey that will end in world championship glory and murder.

Director Bennett Miller wanted Foxcatcher to be the followup to his Oscar winning biopic Capote. When he first approached Tatum to play Schultz, the muscle-bound actor was best known as the eye candy in teen comedies like She's the Man and dance movies like Step Up.

"I think the first time I read the script, I just didn't understand why you'd want to make the film," he says. "There's no resolve to any of this. No lesson learned. It's way more complicated than that. It's actually more close to life. It is a portrait of something that happened. I don't think I was anywhere near to understanding the story or the character. I think I did a lot of growing in those seven years. I fell in love with this idea of attempting this."

The actor threw himself into the role, studying wrestling, which he says is impossible to fake on screen — "It is just a melee but you get used to being inside that melee" — and even destroying a hotel room in one powerful scene.

"I told them, 'Whatever is in that room probably won't come out not broken.' That is all from Mark Schultz. He told me he would punish himself so badly after losing that he would make losing so much worse than any physical pain he was going through in the match so he would never want to lose again."

He kept up that level of intensity for the whole shoot. "It just never stopped," he said, not even when his wife, actress Jenna Dewan, came to visit.

"My wife was pregnant and she came to Pittsburgh during (the shoot)," he says. "She was supposed to stay a week but left after the second day. She was like, 'Nope. It is not healthy for me to be here. You're in a weird place. It's OK but I'm just going to go now. Love you! Call me at least once a night before you go to bed and we'll be fine.'"

RICHARD CROUSE/METRO

# Steve Carell takes a risk, channels his dark side

**Interview.** Barely recognizable in a prosthetic nose, the actor better known as Michael Scott gets creepy in Foxcatcher



Director Bennett Miller chose Steve Carell (pictured here) for role because he saw dark side to the comic. CONTRIBUTED

While discussing Foxcatcher — a bleak film, based on an unsettling tragedy, that made its way to screen after a punishing shoot — there's really only one instance where Steve Carell's voice rises above a sombre whisper.

In fact, he even breaks out laughing, and oddly enough, the topic at hand is director Bennett Miller's admission that he cast Carell as ominous multi-millionaire John du Pont because he saw a certain darkness in the usually goofy comic actor.

"As he describes it, he felt that my public persona is sort of a benign one — as was du Pont's. No one expected him to do the thing that he did," said Carell during the Toronto International Film Festival.

"As he described it to me, he felt that it was beneficial to the movie to have someone who you wouldn't necessarily think could do something horrible. But at the same time, it happens, I guess he saw, as he describes it, there was a dark —"

Here, he trails off and giggles, in his unique way.

"I laugh about it. It sounds funny for me to describe him saying that there's a dark side to me," he said, chortling again, before collecting himself.

"But apparently he saw something, when we first met, that there was a quality there that he seemed to pick up on."

Carell would reward that hunch several times over with a chilling, transformative performance that should, if the pundits are to be believed, land him an Academy Award nomination.

The 52-year-old portrays du Pont, a hermetic eccentric who took a toxic interest in the life of an Olympic gold medallist wrestler, Mark Schultz (Channing Tatum), and his similarly decorated brother, Dave (Mark Ruffalo).

The real Mark Schultz was a presence onset during the making of the film, as were others involved in the grisly tale.

Carell, vaguely recognizable under the weight of grey-toned facial prosthetics, seemed to skulk about the set in fitting isolation. In the film, he drips his lines out slowly, wearing an expression of inscrutable distance — and seemingly that distance remained when the cameras stopped rolling.

"We didn't get to know each other as ourselves as we were shooting," said the Golden Globe winner of his castmates.

"It wasn't in a pretentious way. We weren't deciding to be all method-y, all serious actor-ish. But at the same time I think we both realized it would be better for the movie and for our characters' relationship to keep each other at a distance, and we did."

"I never really thought about it," he replied when asked whether expanding his onscreen repertoire appealed to him. "I read the script and I thought it was an extraordinarily rich story. I never thought about whether I could or couldn't do it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**"I read the script and I thought it was an extraordinarily rich story. I never thought about whether I could or couldn't do it."** Steve Carell



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## Horrible Bosses 2

**Director.** Sean Anders

**Stars.** Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day

The followup to the 2011 hit comedy Horrible Bosses reunites Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis as everyone's favourite working stiffs: Nick, Dale and Kurt. Jennifer Aniston (We're the Millers), and Oscar winners Jamie Foxx (Ray) and Kevin Spacey (American Beauty, The Usual Suspects) also reprise their Horrible Bosses starring roles.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 35% **Audience:** 65%

**Drama**



## Rosewater

**Director.** Jon Stewart

**Stars.** Gael García Bernal, Kim Bodnia

Rosewater is based on The New York Times best-selling memoir Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival, written by Maziar Bahari. The film marks the directorial debut of The Daily Show host Jon Stewart, and stars Gael García Bernal. Rosewater follows the Tehran-born Bahari, a broadcast journalist with Canadian citizenship.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 73% **Audience:** + 91%

**Action**



## Wolves

**Director.** David Hayter

**Stars.** Lucas Till, Jason Momoa

Popular high school student Cayden Richards wakes from a horrific nightmare, only to realize that he's living it ... He is changing into something vicious, unpredictable and wild. Forced to hit the road after the brutal murder of his parents, Cayden tries to hunt down the truth of what he is. In the remote, mountain town of Lupine Ridge, he discovers others like him.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 33% **Audience:** + 87%

**Sci-Fi & Adventure**



## Interstellar

**Director.** Christopher Nolan

**Stars.** Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain

With our time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertakes the most important mission in human history; travelling beyond this galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 73% **Audience:** 87%

**Drama**



## The Theory of Everything

**Director.** James Marsh

**Stars.** Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones

Starring Eddie Redmayne (Les Misérables) and Felicity Jones (The Amazing Spider-Man 2), this is the extraordinary story of one of the world's greatest living minds, the renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, who falls deeply in love with fellow Cambridge student Jane Wilde.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 81% **Audience:** 83%

**Comedy**



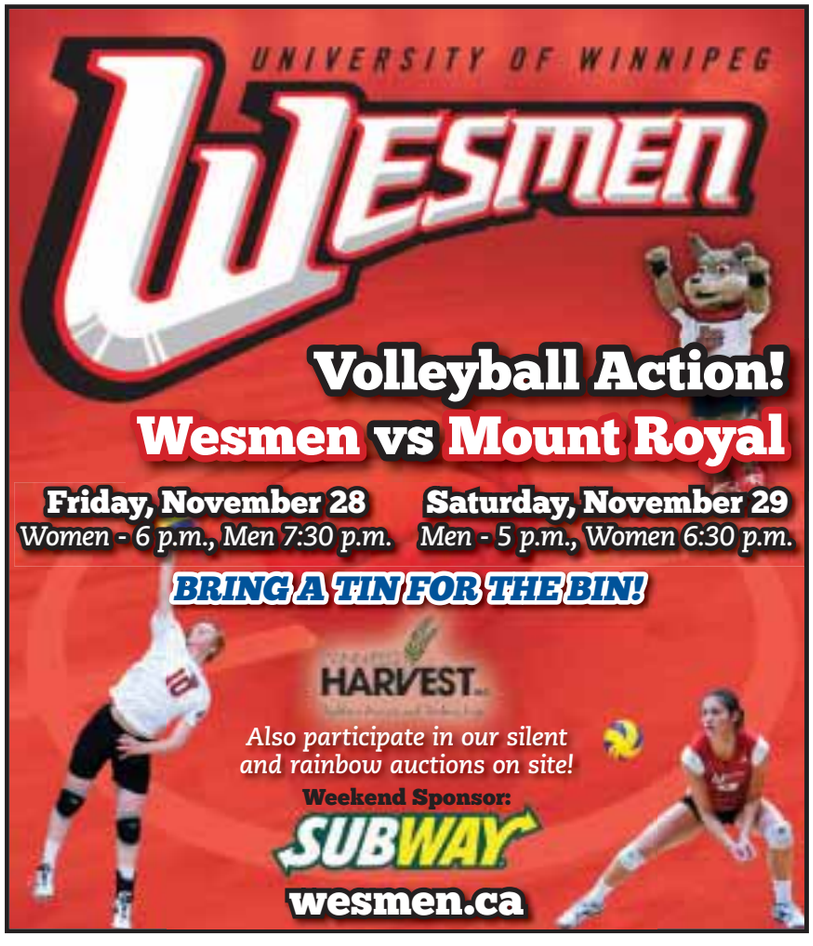
## Dumb and Dumber To

**Director.** J.B. Rogers, Bobby Farrelly

**Stars.** Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels

Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels reprise their signature roles as Lloyd and Harry in the sequel to the smash hit that took the physical comedy and kicked it in the nuts: Dumb and Dumber To. The original film's directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly, take Lloyd and Harry on a road trip to find a child Harry never knew he had.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 24% **Audience:** 56%








The Corner Gas cast are back with a full-length feature film opening Dec. 3. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Corner Gas cast mum on film plot

**Interview.** The crew from Dog River return to face unnamed crisis

It's July on the set of the new Corner Gas movie, and actress Nancy Robertson is sitting in a booth at Ruby Café trying not to spill the beans about the plot of the film based on the beloved CTV series.

"You'd have to bribe me with cupcakes. I like margaritas. You could bribe me with a mitt-full of margaritas. You'd get anything out of me then," she laughed.

Suddenly, a train went past the set. Its whistle blew and Robertson took it as a sign.

"See, the train is the thing that's telling me: 'Shut up. Don't say any spoilers. Belt up, Nancy. Don't tell any spoilers.' I can't," said Robertson.

"I think there'd be a few people that would put the hammer down on me if I spoiled anything and that's really hard for me. Oh yeah, I'm really bad at keeping secrets."

Corner Gas creator Brent Butt seemed more willing to talk about the movie's storyline — sort of.

"The plot is it turns out Earth is run by apes — or am I thinking of something else? I get my movies mixed up sometimes. I go back to the future? I can't remember," he joked.

"We shoot it out of order so I can't remember what the plot is. I think I pump gas for somebody at one point.

"I believe I eat a chili cheese dog about 11 times. No, you know in the whole feature film, there's only one consumption of chili cheese dog — that doesn't seem right to me."

The movie picks up five years after the TV series ended in 2009. The official line is that the fine folks of Dog River are facing a crisis. They discover that the town's been badly mismanaged.

Butt doesn't want to give too much away.

"The characters, the people who reside in Dog River, kind of have to make that decision whether they're going to roll up the sidewalks and shut her down and move their separate ways or rally to see if they can fight and save the town," he explained.

Butt, who was born and raised in Tisdale, Sask., says he always thought a movie was a good idea after the series ended in 2009.

He says converting a 22-minute show into a 90-minute film was tricky. The script took 2 1/2 years to come together, he said.

"But the end result, I think, is really good and everybody who's read the script says this is really funny.

"This really works well, so I think we nailed it."

Butt says there will be some references to the series, but he also thinks that the movie will still make sense to people who haven't seen the show.

"If you're a fan, if you watched a lot of the series, it's going to be a fun movie to watch. There's going to be a lot of little touchstones for you.

"But if you didn't watch the series, you can watch this movie.

"It'll all make sense and the things that you're missing, you just won't realize that you're missing anything," said Butt.

Corner Gas: The Movie opens December 3 to 7 at select Cineplex Theatres and will later air on CTV.

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**Upcoming projects**

## Independence Day 2 gets greenlit

Director Roland Emmerich announced that 20th Century Fox had given its go-ahead for the followup to his 1996 blockbuster.

Independence Day 2 has been in the pipeline for years. In October, Jeff Goldblum, who played MIT graduate David Levinson in the original movie, revealed that he had a part in the sequel. Emmerich himself officially announced the beginning of the production via Instagram.

Is Will Smith going to be part of this followup? No announcement has been made regarding his participation, but we do know that the film is expected to premiere in July 2016.

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# Reese plays Wild card as actor and producer

**Movies.** Hollywood star banks on toughest role by developing film she wanted to see made

Once she'd decided to take on her gritty new role in Wild, there were a few things Reese Witherspoon knew she *didn't* want to hear from movie studio executives:

"We want her to be more likable."

"We don't want her to use drugs."

"We don't want her to be profane."

And so, Witherspoon says, she didn't give them the chance.

She developed the film, which follows a hard-living woman's path to solace and redemption via a long trek in the wilderness, outside the studio system under the auspices of her own production company, with private financing. "And then I took it to the studios and said, 'I'm not changing a word,'" Witherspoon recounts in an interview. "And I had three bids on it that day."

"And I think it's important, you know?" the actress adds. "You grow up, you change — I'm a 38-year-old woman now, I have three kids, and I've lived a lot of life experience. It's really important to me that the things I put out into the world are meaningful and thought-provoking. Otherwise, what am I doing?"

Wild, based on the best-selling memoir by Cheryl Strayed, is a story of personal catharsis, and listening to Witherspoon, one gets the sense she was seeking a sort of professional catharsis by choosing it. The role, which has garnered significant Oscar buzz, includes difficult scenes depicting rough sex and heroin use. Witherspoon wore no makeup and spent days lugging a heavy backpack up and down hills.

"By far, it's the hardest thing I've done in my life," she says. "The physical aspects were really challenging — the elements, the heat, the cold, the water, the rain, 55 locations in 35 days, and carrying that backpack. And there was nothing else to cut to — just me."

Witherspoon, who already has one Oscar on the mantelpiece for 2005's Walk the Line, says it was no accident that she chose such a film at this point in her career, a time that finds her veering away from trademark sunny, bright roles and romantic comedies.

"It's something I consciously did for myself," she says. Her production company, Pacific Standard, is specifically geared toward projects with complex roles for women.

"I was seeing sort of a deficit in leading roles for women," she says. "It was just sort of the lack of complex characters, of interesting, dynamic women onscreen. I have a 15-year-old daughter and it's very important to me what she sees, in movies and television."

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St. Vincent (14A) Fri-Thu 9:05

### Cinema City Northgate 1399 McPhillips Street

Annabelle (14A) Fri-Sat 9:45 Sun 9:35 Mon-Thu 8
The Book of Life (G) Sat-Sun 1:50
The Book of Life 3D (G) Fri-Sat 4:10-6:30-8:50 Sun 4:10-6:20-8:40 Mon-Thu 5:35-7:45
The Boxtrolls (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20 Mon-Thu 5:20
Chaar Sahibzaade 3D (PG) Fri 3:55-6:40-9:30 Sat 1-3:50-6:40-9:30 Sun 1-3:50-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10
Edsa Woolworth (PG) Fri 4:20-6:35-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:20-6:35-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:20-6:25-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:15
The Equalizer (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40 Sun 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:20
Happy Go Lucky (PG) Fri 3:40-7-9:35 Sat 12:40-3:30-7-9:35 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50
The Judge (14A) Fri-Sat 6:45-9 Sun 6:35-8:50 Mon-Thu 7:40
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat 1:10-4-7-9:20 Sun 1:10-4-6:55-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
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Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story (STC) Sat-Sun 7 Wed-Thu 7
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### Grant Park 8 Cinemas 1120 Grant Ave.

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Wed 6:45-9:45 Thu 9:45
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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 4-7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 4-7-10
Interstellar (PG) Fri 4-8 Sat-Sun 12:15-4-8 Mon-Thu 4-8
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Royal Opera House: I Due Foscari (STC) Sat 11
St. Vincent (14A) Fri-Sat 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed 3:30-9:30
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:35-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:35

### Landmark Towne Cinema 8. 301 Notre Dame Avenue

Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15
Corner Gas: The Movie (PG) Wed-Thu 7-9:45
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:25
Fury (14A) Fri 6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:35
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Ouija (PG) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Sat-Sun 4:15
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:20

### SilverCity Polo Park 815 St. James Street

Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 1:15-4 Sat 10:55-1:30 Sun 1:20-4:10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:10
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Sat 11:55-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:40 Sun 12:10-2:45-5:20-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 2-4:40-7:25-10:20
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Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:35-6:15-9:55 Sat 12:30-6:25-10:10 Sun 1:25-6:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:20-6:15-9:55
Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 3:25-7-10:40 Sat 11:50-3:25-7-10:40 Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Tue 3:15-7-10:30 Wed-Thu 3:30-7-10:30
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The Metropolitan Opera: Carmen Encore (STC) Sat 11 Sun 12:55
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Arlington Bridge Solutions

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**Community Travel-Around/Bus Tour and Planning Workshop**

**Thursday, December 4th**

**5:00 p.m.** Meeting place and 1st pick up location, Rossbrook House 658 Ross Avenue
**5:15 p.m.** 2nd pick-up at North Centennial Recreation and Leisure Facility 90 Sinclair (return drop-off after workshop)

**Planning Workshop and pizza/refreshments**

**6:30 p.m.** Rossbrook House, 658 Ross Avenue; ending at 8:30 pm

**What is the CPR Yards Crossing Study all about?**

- The Arlington Bridge is coming to the end of its useable life and fixing it is not possible.
- The goal of this study is to determine the best possible plan to move people and goods safely and efficiently across the CPR Yards when the Arlington Bridge closes.
- The CPR Yards Crossing Study will look at a number of options for a new crossing in the area and at improving existing crossings of the CPR Yards between McPhillips Street and Salter Street.

If you plan to attend the bus tour or workshop please **RSVP** by contacting **311** or email **freig.associates@shaw.ca**. Accommodations will be made for those with disabilities.



# 3 songs for the weekend

Sound Check

ALAN CROSS




A Babymetal knockoff, an expletive-laden outing from Faith No More and a video with a whole lotta chickens.



## Motherf****r/ Faith No More

Well, it's about time FNM offered up some new music following their 2009 reunion. The first single from their still-to-be-named 2015 album is out — and it'll never, ever be played on the radio. But once you hear it, you won't forget the chorus.



## Sorasora/Pritz

If you've been seduced by Babymetal, the Japanese metal idol band fronted by three cute schoolgirls, you may find Pritz to be somewhat, er, derivative. And what's with the Nazi-esque imagery?



## Chick Chick/ Wang Rong Rollin

How can you make Lady Gaga appear normal? By comparing anything she's done to this track out of China which features all sorts of dancing and clucking chicken characters. You heard me.

**See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to listen to Alan's recommended songs this week.**

Mind the App

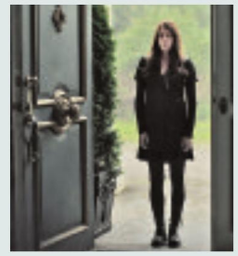
# *Dark Hearts scares up chilling fun*



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**Dark Hearts**
**iPhone/iPad**
**Free/$5.99**

Each time you brave a chapter in this sequel to Haunting Melissa, the movies play out just a little differently, offering uncertain twists for a headphone experience that's scary fun.



Video game review



**Name.** Lego Batman 3: Beyond Gotham

**For.** Xbox 360/PS3/Xbox One/PS4/WiiU/PC

**Rated.** Everyone 10+

It seems like everyone in the DC universe makes an appearance in this zany escapade that combines the '60s Batman series with a modern caper featuring Brainiac, the Justice League heroes, and the lanterns. There are bad puns at every turn, obscure characters like Ace the Bat-Hound to unlock, and silly, inexplicable appearances by Conan O'Brien, Gilbert Gottfried, and Kevin Smith. Gadget suits and lantern ring powers offer fun, technical innovations, but more importantly, the Lego games seem to thrive on not taking themselves seriously and here they go all out.

**KRIS ABEL**






# METRO DISH

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Natalie Portman GETTY IMAGES

## Portman latest name attached to Jobs biopic

Natalie Portman is in talks for the female lead in the upcoming Steve Jobs biopic penned by Aaron Sorkin, according to Deadline. The movie adapting Walter Isaacson's biography of the Apple co-founder is to be directed by Danny Boyle (Trainspotting, Slumdog Millionaire). Earlier this week, the biopic was picked up by Universal after being dropped by Sony. The movie had already suffered a series of setbacks after both Leonardo DiCaprio and Christian Bale turned down the main role. Michael Fassbender is expected to take the job although nothing has been confirmed. Seth Rogen is also reportedly in talks to portray Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak. In the meantime, Natalie Portman will star in Gavin O'Connor's Jane Got a Gun, slated for a February release. AFP

## LaBeouf behavin' to get disorderly case dismissed



Shia LaBeouf GETTY IMAGES

Actor Shia LaBeouf is complying with treatment ordered as part of a plea deal stemming from a bizarre episode during the Broadway show Cabaret. The 28-year-old Transformers star appeared in a Manhattan court this week to show proof that he's been at the Hills Treatment Center in Los Angeles. LaBeouf is due back in court March 20. If he stays in treatment for at least three months and out of trouble for six months, he'll be allowed to withdraw the guilty plea and the case will be dismissed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Word



## *Thank Bowie's mum for duet with Der Bingle*



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Metro in Hollywood

Santa has made his way down Broadway for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which means it's officially the Christmas season. So let's kick it off with one of the more interesting pop culture yuletide curios, David Bowie and Bing Crosby singing Little Drummer Boy for a 1977 TV special.

As it turns out, Bowie only did the special because "my mother loves Bing Crosby," he told Larry Grossman, the writer of A Merrie Old Christmas.

And he also was dead set against singing Little Drummer Boy and would only be talked into it thanks to a slight rearrangement of the song.



Drew Carey GETTY IMAGES

## Carey, Mayer, Apatow to guest host Late Late Show

Singer John Mayer, filmmaker Judd Apatow and comic Drew Carey will be among the guest hosts that will fill in on CBS's The Late Late Show before new host James Corden takes over in March. The network announced its plans this week for the 12:37 a.m. time slot for the winter months after current host Craig Ferguson leaves. Ferguson's last show will be Dec. 19. Carey will host the first week of January and the last week before Corden starts. In between, actors Will Arnett, Wayne Brady, Jim Gaffigan, Billy Gardell, Sean Hayes, Thomas Lennon and Kunal Nayyar will take turns as host. CBS will also air special late-night editions of its daytime chat show, The Talk, for a week in January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tom Hanks' kid announces his sobriety on Instagram

In order to get ahead of a cover story in Star Magazine Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson's son Chet took to Instagram.

Star writes in this week's issue: "'Chet developed a problem with cocaine this year,' a source tells Star exclusively. 'Of course, this was devastating to his dad and mom, Rita Wilson, but they've done everything they can to help him, and fully supported him in his decision to get sober.'"

The 24-year-old musician posted the following: "I've been struggling with substance abuse since I was 16 years old. Finally at the age of 24 I decided to get some help. With 50 days of sobriety under my belt, I can honestly say I'm the happiest I've ever been. I'm thankful for my family and everybody that cares about me, including my fans. I've been blessed with the programs of AA and NA which allow me to rise above this disease. I'm learning to accept my faults and be OK with being human. If anybody that sees this struggles with addiction, feel free to reach out." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Sink your sweet tooth into this...

## Chocolate Pudding Cake. This dessert is the ultimate three-in-one



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If you're looking to satisfy a voracious sugar craving, don't underestimate the power of a succulent pudding cake. With the richness of a cake plus the decadence of a rich, gooey sauce, this sweet concoction is sure to delight.

**Ingredients**

**Sauce**
- 3 cups (720 g) brown sugar
- 3/4 cup (75 g) cocoa powder, sifted
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) water
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) 35% heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) vanilla extract

**Cake**
- 1 cup (250 ml) milk
- 1/2 cup (50 g) cocoa powder, sifted
- 1 1/2 cups (210 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup (115 g) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups (315 g) sugar
- 2 eggs



**This recipe serves 10.** COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

**1.** With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C). Butter a 13 x 9-inch (33 x 23 cm) baking dish.

**Sauce**

**1.** In a saucepan over medium heat, combine the brown sugar, cocoa powder and cornstarch. Add the water and cream and bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk. Stir in the vanilla. Set aside.

**Cake**

**1.** In saucepan, bring milk and cocoa powder to boil, stirring with a whisk. Let cool.

**2.** In a bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

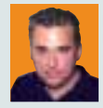
**3.** In another bowl, cream butter and sugar with electric mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat until smooth. At low speed, add dry ingredients alternately with cocoa mix. Spoon batter into prepared dish.

**4.** Carefully pour hot sauce over batter. Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre of the cake comes out clean. Serve warm or cool.

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**Liquid Assets**

## *Middle Earth offerings*



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Greetings from the middle of Middle Earth.

At the invitation of the wine growers of New Zealand, I've journeyed to the bottom of the planet to get lips-on with the wines, regions and forward-thinking vineyard practices of this country.

Winemakers here love the land, and their sustainability practices monitor, measure and manage their geography to ensure it keeps giving for generations to come. Nearly all the wineries have adopted this philosophy.

Being internationally renowned for Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir has come at a price. With their industry considered a two-trick pony, Kiwi winemakers struggle to get their Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling and red blends to the world.

After tasting a few hundred wines, I can say that New Zealand makes a wine for every palate.

A good place to start is Kim Crawford's 2014 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc ($19.99 to $21.99), a citrus-infused, seafood-friendly white with zippy acidity and lemon/lime zest. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**






# Paw-pular gift ideas for your furry friends



**Doggone excited.** Your pets do, in fact, know it's the holidays — so don't disappoint them

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

**27 shopping days left**

It's easy to remember to put the dog or cat on your Christmas list — they're the ones sniffing around under the tree or trying to climb it. Here are fabulous gift ideas for your four-legged friends.



### Time to eat

Serve up breakfast, lunch or dinner in these ceramic pet bowls. They're practical and cute. $4.99 each, HomeSense.



### Santa ... Guinea

Now you can dress the family guinea pig in a red velvet Santa hat and suit. (If you prefer, there are reindeer antlers for the guinea pig, too). $7.99, PetSmart.



### Put up your hoodie

Dress up your pooch in this stylish Canadian North Fetch hoodie ... and bring on winter. North Fetch outdoor gear retails for $39.99 to $48.99, PetSmart.



### Luv-A-Pet

Wrap up this lovable stuffed toy ... and give back, too. Ten per cent of each Luv-A-Pet purchase is donated to PetSmart Charities of Canada to help homeless pets. Now that feels good. $8.99, PetSmart.



### Fido football

Your dog will love the Nerf Green Crinkle Football. It's long-lasting and safe to play with inside or out. $9.99, Canadian Tire.

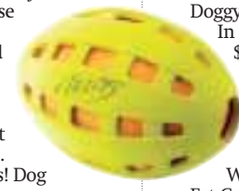


### Still life

Artist Kari Serrao will work from a photo to create an original encaustic painting on a wood panel (encaustic is painting with molten wax tinted with oil paint). 11x14-inch original, $275, kariserrao.com.

### Fetch this

When treat time rolls around, give your dog one of these yummy bones. They're dipped in a white chocolate-flavoured confection that is safe for dogs. How sweet it is! Dog bones, $7.99, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, rockychoc.com.



### Makes scents

Dogs will be dogs — and to keep them clean and fresh, they need regular baths. Choose one of these specially formulated shampoos: Shed relief; puppy; 2-in-1; oatmeal; and waterless for in between touch-ups. Essentials Shampoo, $9.99 each, Pet Valu.

### Purr-fect

Your cat will love its private wicker digs. Wicker and Faux-Fur Cat Bed, $59.99, HomeSense.

### Dog run

The Jogger's Leash is a convenient and comfortable way to take your best friend for a run. It features a flexible and comfortable neoprene waistband. There is a zippered pouch for keys, phone, waste bags and more. $24.99, Canadian Tire.



### All Canadian dog

There's nothing more Canadian than a dog in a Hotel Doggy Moose sweater. In sizes XS-XL, $14.99, Target Canada.



### Catnip fever

Wrap up the Fat Cat Classic Appeteaser, which is filled with high-test organic catnip for hours of fun. Package of two, $4.99, Canadian Tire. Maybe your cat would prefer the Cosmic Pet Corknip Totter Mouse, $8.49, Pet Valu.

### Canine stocking

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care — now you can hang up one for your dog, too. Dog Stocking filled with all sorts of treats for your furry friend. $11.99, Pet Valu.



### A wild life

Comfortable animal prints dog bed has a removable polyester fleece cover — so it's easy to wash. Fits dogs up to 75 pounds. Animal Planet, $29.99, Sears Canada.

### Kibble counter

This automatic, battery-operated pet food dispenser has a built-in LCD control panel that lets you customize meal times and portions. Animal Plant, $49.99, Sears Canada.

### On Prancer!

Now your pooch can be part of all the reindeer games. Reindeer Sweater, $19.99, Marshalls.

*From left to right, **top row:** Ceramic pet bowls $4.99 each, HomeSense; Pet Treat Canisters, HomeSense; Cosmic Pet Corknip Totter Mouse, $8.49, Pet Valu; The Jogger's leash, $24.99, Canadian Tire; Guinea pig costume, $7.99, PetSmart. **Middle row:** Dog Stocking, $11.99, Pet Valu; Luv-A-Pet, $8.99, PetSmart; Nerf Green Crinkle Football, $9.99, Canadian Tire; Canadian North Fetch hoodie, from $39.99, PetSmart. **Bottom row:** Wicker and Faux-Fur Cat Bed, $59.99, HomeSense; Dog bones, $7.99, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory; Specially formulated shampoo, $9.99 each, Pet Valu.*

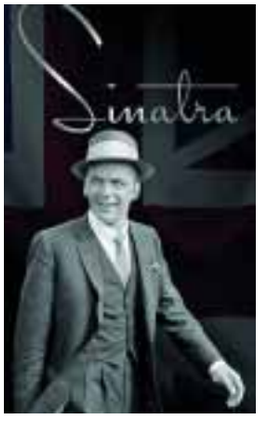
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# Bring holiday music to your ears

## CDs. Create a your own soundtrack this season

KEITH CARMAN
For Metro

Set the atmosphere with these latest works that are sure generate holiday cheer.




## *A roundup of the best music box sets*

Great things still come in relatively small packages.

While downloading has quickly become one of the largest trends in obtaining music, there's still nothing like a tangible copy of your favourite artist's works. Moreover, a nicely wrapped box under the tree tends to generate a touch more excitement than a simple gift card envelope. We present a few of the more celebrated Yuletide offerings.

### Frank Sinatra
### Sinatra: London

Packed into three discs and a DVD, Sinatra: London brings together this unforgettable pop culture figure's fabled 1962 British recording session into one package.

### Pink Floyd
### The Endless River

Their first album in two decades finds British progressive rockers Pink Floyd doling out a two-disc deluxe CD/Blu-ray (or DVD) edition of The Endless River.




### Blue Rodeo, A Merrie Christmas To You

Canadian rock mainstays Blue Rodeo issue their first Christmas-themed album with 10 tracks ranging from standards such as Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas and O Come All Ye Faithful.

### Idina Menzel, Holiday Wishes

Frozen film star and Tony Award winner Idina Menzel steps into the musical realm with her debut Christmas album. Focusing on traditional material including the likes of A Holly Jolly Christmas and Do You Hear What I Hear through to her own rendition of Joni Mitchell track River.




### LeAnn Rimes, One Christmas: Chapter One

Country superstar LeAnn Rimes has opted to issue a shorter album: One Christmas: Chapter One.

### Seth MacFarlane, Holiday For Swing

Best known for creating television's Family Guy and American Dad, writer/comedian/producer Seth MacFarlane's Holiday For Swing promises to be quite engaging. Guest appearances include Sara Bareilles and Norah Jones.




### Earth Wind & Fire, Holiday

Revered R&B/soul/funk outfit Earth, Wind & Fire have waited 43 years to stake their claim in the holiday soundtrack game. It's sure to be a hit.

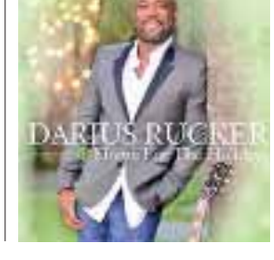
### Darius Rucker, Home For The Holidays

Best-known as the front man for '90s pop stars Hootie & the Blowfish, Darius Rucker has certainly reinvented himself as a bona fide country artist. He serves up a 12-track album showcasing originals alongside seasonal staples.

### Various Artists, Motown Christmas

blends the likes of Motown longhorns including Smokey Robinson and Babyface, with newer icons including Toni Braxton and Ne-Yo. Motown Christmas is the first collection of holiday-themed music this iconic label has issued in almost 50 years. Revel in 15 tracks such as It's Christmas Time, O Holy Night and more.




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### The Kinks
### The Anthology 1964 -1971

Quintessential rockers The Kinks may have been together for less than a decade but as this comprehensive five-disc collection asserts, they certainly weren't short on hits.

### Bob Dylan
### The Basement Tapes Complete: The Bootleg Series Vol. 11(Deluxe Edition)

Proving there still seems to be no shortage of hidden gems in this inimitable folk/rocker's vault, this latest compilation features 138 tracks and six CDs of his almost-mythical recordings with fellow icons The Band. Chronologically organized and replete with 120-page booklet, it boasts extensive liner notes accented by rare, unseen photos.




### Simon & Garfunkel
### Complete Albums Collection

Although much of this folk duo's works have been previously-released in various forms, Complete Albums Collection is a must for any Simon & Garfunkel fan. Comprised of their entire studio output re-mastered from original recordings, its 12 discs also includes first-time-ever updates to The Graduate and The Concert in Central Park.

### Leonard Cohen
### Live in Dublin

Revered as "spellbinding" in a recent Rolling Stone review, Cohen's 2013 U.K. tour has already become the stuff of legends, proving that the author/poet/singer still has it at 80 years young. Presented in a three-CD, one-DVD set and rounded out with bonus highlights from select Canadian performances during the same stint.

KEITH CARMAN/FOR METRO

# Need gift ideas? Zoom in here

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Whether it's through a smartphone or the lens of an expensive camera, there are so many fun ways to capture the moment. Here are some of the best cameras and accessories to put under the tree this year for the shutterbug in your family.

### Nikon D750 HD-SLR
$2,549.95 (body only)

It may not be cheap, but Nikon's latest professional camera sure packs a lot of features. The lightweight, carbon fibre D750 houses a newly developed 34.3MP FX-format CMOS sensor, a 51-point autofocus system, and a pivoting viewfinder to let photographers snap photos at any angle. This is also Nikon's first HD-SLR with built-in Wi-Fi for easy photo sharing and remote capture.



### Sony Cyber-Shot DSC-RX100
$549.99

Small enough to fit in your pocket, but don't underestimate just how powerful Sony's latest point-and-shoot camera is. Featuring an ultra-bright Carl Zeiss f/1.8 lens, and 20.2-megapixel Exmor CMOS image sensor, shutterbugs can expect razor-sharp images, even in low-light conditions. Face detection registers up to eight faces and with so many built-in, shot-enhancing features, you will always have perfect colour, no matter if you are shooting indoors or at sunset.

### Polaroid Socialmatic Camera
$299

A camera for the hipsters. This unique 14MP camera lets you share photos in one of two ways. Built-in Wi-Fi automatically lets you upload pics to popular social media websites, or you can rock it old school by printing them instantly from the camera itself using special ink-free paper. There is also a 2MP rear camera for selfies.



### GoPro HERO4 Black
$549.99

A fast new processor allows this updated action cam to shoot 4K video at 30fps and 1080p HD video at 120 fps. The HERO4 Black also features a new Night Photo and Night Lapse mode for customized exposure settings when you want to shoot in low-light conditions. Don't forget the dozens of mounts and cases available to tailor this powerful camera to your needs.

### Phantom 2 Vision+
$1,229 US

Take your photography to a new level. This easy-to-fly drone has a built-in camera to snap photos and shoot 1080p HD video while soaring high above the action. Unique stabilizers help reduce wobbly shots while the GPS auto-pilot system offers position holding for stable hovering. Users can download an app to control the camera, and get point-of-view shots directly on their smartphone.




### Camalapse 4
$34.99

A rotating stand for your smartphone or compact camera that helps you take high-quality, time-lapse videos like a pro. The twisting stand uses a built-in timer to rotate a full 360 degrees in 60 minutes. Works with small cameras, Android, and iOS devices.

### HTC RE
$199

The camera that never turns off. Designed to capture life's impromptu moments, the RE is always on. Simply press a button and you will instantly record 1080p HD video or snap a 16MP photo and stream it to your smartphone. The 146-degree wide angle lens negates the need for a viewfinder, but if you really want one you can use your smartphone as one.



*Clockwise from bottom left: Nikon D750 HD-SLR, $2,549.95; Phantom 2 Vision+, $1,229 US; HTC RE, $199; GoPro HERO4 black, $549.99*






NHL

## Alfie to announce retirement at Sens-Isles game

Former Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson is expected to announce his retirement in the city where he became an NHL superstar.

The Senators confirmed that Alfredsson will be in Ottawa next Thursday and will be part of a pre-game ceremony before the game against the New York Islanders at Canadian Tire Centre.

"Dec. 4 will be a truly special and historic day for the Ottawa Senators and #Sens fans. Welcome home #Alfie!" team owner Eugene Melnyk posted on his Twitter account.

Alfredsson spent his first 17 seasons with the Senators before playing his 18th NHL season with the Detroit Red Wings.

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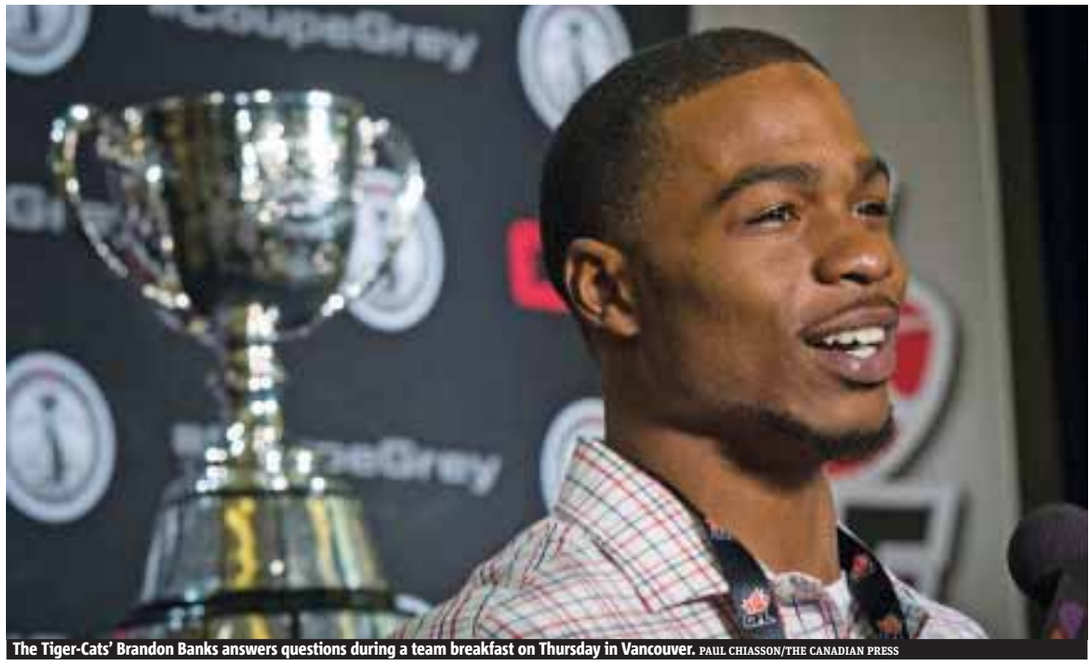
Phillip Hughes

## Cricket player dies from ball strike to the head

Phillip Hughes won admirers across the cricket spectrum, from the most elite players to the everyday fan for an unorthodox batting style and a never-give-in attitude despite being dropped a handful of times from Australia's test team.

Hughes died Thursday, two days after undergoing emergency surgery for a bleeding of the brain that occurred after he was struck on the head by a cricket ball in a match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. He was 25.

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The Tiger-Cats' Brandon Banks answers questions during a team breakfast on Thursday in Vancouver. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Stamps feel they have horses to slow Banks

**Grey Cup.** Calgary says it won't change its kick coverage for Hamilton's Speedy-B

The Calgary Stampeders say Brandon Banks won't be getting any preferential treatment in Sunday's Grey Cup.

Seven days after torching the Montreal Alouettes for 226 punt-return yards and two touchdowns in the CFL's East Division final, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' speedster will take the field at BC Place Stadium against a Calgary team that isn't planning on changing its kick coverage for one player.

"Play fast, play aggressive, cut him off, make him stop his feet," Stampeders linebacker and special teams ace Karl McCartney said of the keys to stopping Banks. "Obviously he's a speed guy, so once you make him stop his feet, his timing's off and we can catch up.

"But if he's allowed to run he's going to change the angles. The main thing is getting on top and trying to slow him down and trip him up."

Slowing down Banks — nicknamed Speedy-B — was something the Alouettes were unable to accomplish in the East final.

Apart from his two TD returns of 93 and 88 yards, Banks had another 78-yard runback negated by a penalty in Hamilton's 40-24 victory. The 226 yards were a playoff record, while the two punt return scores tied a CFL post-season mark. Despite the gaudy numbers, the Stampeders don't plan on altering their scheme.

"We're going to try and play our game. We feel good about the guys we have covering kicks and the way that we do it," said Calgary special teams co-ordinator Mark Kilam. "Our guys are looking forward to the challenge.

"Brandon Banks is a special player, and not only is he making a lot of plays, the guys that are playing in front of him are doing a great job. We've got to be able to win our 1-on-1s against them and get into position to make a play."

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**"You have to get on top, smack him good a couple times. That might slow him down."**

**Stampeders linebacker Karl McCartney** on the Tiger-Cats' Brandon Banks

# Megatron transforms back into receiving beast



Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson makes a catch in front of the Bears' Kyle Fuller on Thursday in Detroit. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

After a week of questions about his limited production of late, Calvin Johnson lifted Detroit's offence with an emphatic reminder that he's still one of the game's most dynamic players.

Johnson caught 11 passes for 146 yards with a pair of first-half touchdowns, and the Lions boosted their post-season hopes with a 34-17 victory over the Chicago Bears on Thursday. Johnson had been held under 60 yards in two of three games since returning from an ankle injury, and there were rumblings that the 29-year-old receiver was slowing down, but he quieted a lot of those concerns with perhaps his best game of the season.

"Guys still believe in what we got going here," Johnson said. "We had a good week of practice — it was a very short week, but we were very detailed in what we did on the field, coaches taking care of us. It's our part to come out here and do our job on the field."

Chicago (5-7) jumped ahead to a 14-3 first-quarter lead before Detroit (8-4) rallied in the second. Detroit finished with a season-high 474 yards in its highest-scoring game since a 35-14 victory over the New York Giants in its opener.

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Eagles soar past Cowboys

**LeSean McCoy ran for 159 yards a touchdown, Mark Sanchez had his first scoring run in almost three years and the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Dallas Cowboys 33-10 on Thursday.**

4 SPORTS




Michael Frolik and Ondrej Pavelec celebrate the Jets' 2-1 win over the Sabres in Buffalo on Wednesday night.
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# Jets' playoff chances hinge on GM's calls



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American Thanksgiving traditionally marks the three-quarter pole for the season, a time when general managers assess where their teams are at and what the chances are of making the post-season.

At 12-9-3, the Jets are adequately ahead of their pace last season, when they were 10-11-3 through 24 games. Although Winnipeg's offence has yet to come around and their power play remains pitiful, the rest is all positive: the defence is stronger than ever, the goaltending is (surprisingly) among the league's best and the penalty kill is top 10. The main analytics are all above average, and the players look more motivated under coach Paul Maurice than they ever did with Claude Noel behind the bench.

Most importantly, the Jets are in a playoff spot.

But just barely. And that's where the bad news comes in.

The reason why Winnipeg is currently in a post-season position is due more to an overall decline in the Western Conference than to its slightly improved play.

At this point last season, the eighth seed in the West (which is where Winnipeg was after its 2-1 win over Columbus on Tuesday) had a points percentage of .667. The Jets' was .563. For his team to make the playoffs, then, GM Kevin Cheveldayoff has to hope the Jets can get even better or teams like Colorado, Dallas and San Jose continue to struggle. Neither is likely to happen.

Winnipeg has had to improve over last season just to be in this position, so expecting even more from this group this season is unlikely. And at some point, the teams below them are going to start playing better (especially San Jose, which played only eight of its first 23 games at home).

All of this raises the question: does Cheveldayoff continue to preach patience and allow his team to evolve at its own pace or does he make a move to fast-track the improvements made already and give his team the boost it needs to make the playoffs?

The next month or so will go a long way to deciding whether he will have to make a move or not.

After their game Friday against the Boston Bruins, Winnipeg will play 11 of its next 15 games at home.

Given the Jets are just 4-5-1 at MTS Centre and were only 18-17-6 last season, there's no guarantee they'll make hay out of this home stretch — but they'll have to if they hope to remain in playoff contention. If they don't, Cheveldayoff will be forced to make a trade to keep his team in the race.

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
You have been known to jump to conclusions and according to the planets you made a value judgment recently that you can now see was totally wrong.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
The planets warn you cannot afford to give anyone the benefit of the doubt where financial matters are concerned. Demand evidence before parting with your cash!

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
When you want something enough you let nothing stand in your way, which is good. What is not so good is if you climb over other people to get it. Be more diplomatic.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Just because one thing you tried went wrong does not mean you are a failure and anyone who says you are is not a friend and must be cut out of your life right away.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
If a friend asks you to do something unethical, refuse — even if you owe them a favour. The best favour you can do them is pointing out why they need to rethink their attitude.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Today's cosmic influences will offer you the chance to break the deadlock in a long dispute. Can you go forward together?

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Someone will say something today that is flattering, but don't let it go to your head. If you allow your pride to grow it may get in the way of seeing what still needs to be done.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
As Mercury moves into the money area of your chart you're free to make changes to your financial situation. Take others' needs into account but your own needs must come first.

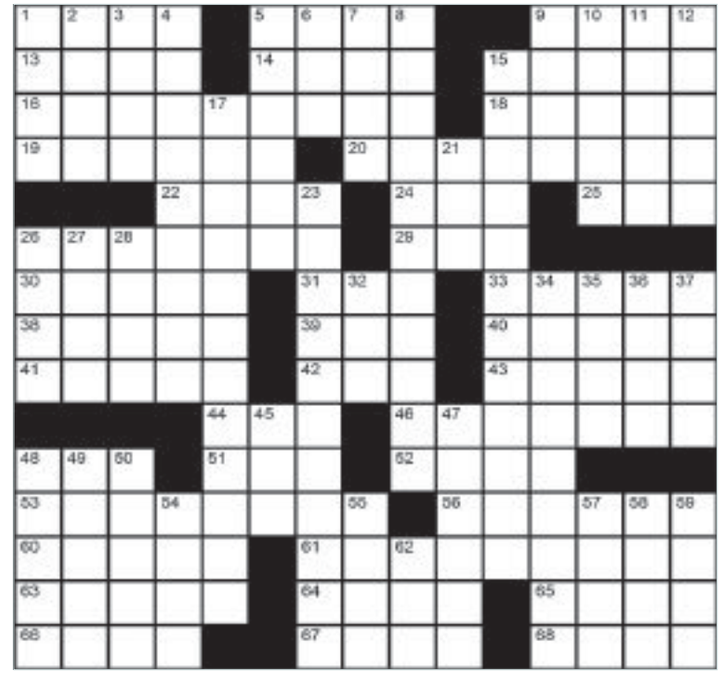
### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
There are things in your world that have become predictable and need shaking up. The entry of Mercury into your sign today will encourage you to begin new habits and routines.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
A parting of ways may be necessary but it does not have to be painful. The simple fact is you have moved on and so have they, but in different directions. That's OK.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
There is no point dwelling on events you can't change. Focus on what might be rather than on what has been.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
What happens today will give you the sense of perspective you have been lacking. You may have to admit that a wrong turn has been taken. It's no big deal.

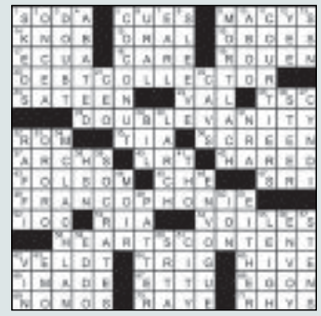
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



### Across
1. Document to fill out
5. Bass or Treble
9. Honey drink
13. Camaro model, __-Z
14. Try, in court
15. Hogwash; or, ship part
16. Romantic comedy, for example: 2 wds.
18. Town in western Saskatchewan
19. Declare as truth
20. Ottawa sports team
22. Royal Canadian Mint creation
24. "Everything __" by Bush
25. Opposite of Yes, in Galloway
26. Surname of the Canadian doctor born in Gravenhurst, ON in 1890
29. Wane
30. Take _ __ of faith
31. Mess up
33. Have _ __-jerk reaction
38. 'Ancient'-meaning prefix
39. November 28th, 1962 for satirist Jon Stewart [acronym]
40. Collect
41. Ledge-for-literature
42. Mr. Diamond Phillips
43. Quit
44. "Sprechen __ Deutsch?"
46. Brings back employees
48. "__ So Shy" by The Pointer Sisters
51. Long list ender
52. Flatbread variety
53. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Spencer's
56. PetSmart purchase
60. Chalk-user's need
61. Partially-country
63. Bird's prey clasper
64. MBA subject
65. Hats holder
66. 1979 Madness album: 'One __ Beyond...'
67. RR depots
68. The Bee __

### Down
1. Soccer org.
2. Shakespeare: "Deny thy father and refuse thy name; __, __ thou wilt not..." - Juliet
3. Massage for therapy
4. __ Canadian Art Collection (Featuring works by #17-Down)
5. Path: French
6. Winnipeg-born actor Mr. Cariou
7. Listeners
8. Glaciated grub glaze: 2 wds.
9. Light rain
10. Pianist/singer Mr. John
11. Ancient marketplace
12. Thick forest's characteristic
15. Retro furniture piece: 2 wds.
17. Celebrated creative Canuck collective: 3 wds.
21. Bird beak
23. Etuis: 2 wds.
26. Some bread rolls
27. "In the Valley of __" (2007)
28. Prefix to 'phone'
32. Oz jumper
34. Ontario village where #4-Down is located
35. Close
36. Convenience
37. Chemical suffixes
45. "Lord, is __ _?" (Last Supper question)
47. Thomas __, American portrait artist (b.1844 - d.1916)
48. Party givers
49. Acclaim
50. Like unfresh bread
54. On
55. Breakaway group
57. Hillside
58. Hand-crafted Irish souvenir
59. Caribou cousins
62. Bus. day

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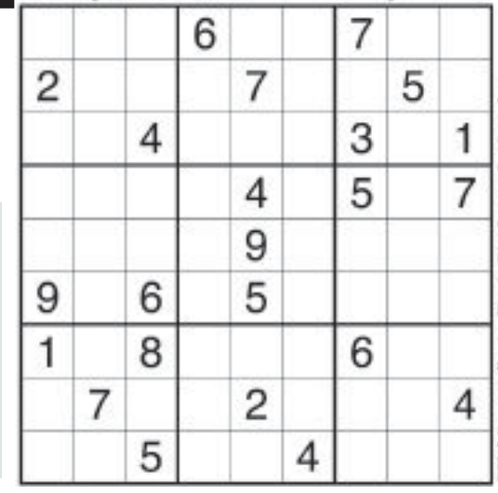


## Online

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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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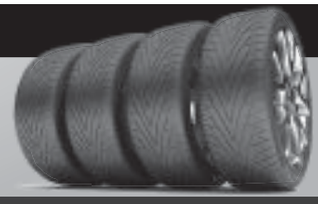
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